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Education:

Arizona State University College of Law, J.D. 1977
University of Arizona, B.A., Public Law/Government, with High Distinction, 1973
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Professional Associations and Recognitions:

Mr. Ahern was admitted to practice by the Arizona State Bar in 1977. He is rated AV Preeminent by Martindale Hubbell, a *Judge Pro Tempore* of the Maricopa County Superior Court, and is certified as a specialist in real estate law by the Arizona Board of Legal Specialization. Mr. Ahern is a shareholder of the Phoenix law firm of Broening Oberg Woods & Wilson, P.C., 1122 East Jefferson, P.O. Box 20527, Phoenix, Arizona 85036. Mr. Ahern was recognized in June 2008, June 2009, and September 2010 as a "Southwest Super Lawyer", in the field of mediation, and he has been selected as one of *Arizona's Finest Lawyers*.

Professional Experience:

Practice included a wide variety of transactions and civil litigation for real estate developers (commercial and residential), builders (commercial and residential), title insurers, escrow agencies, insurance agencies, and property managers. Mr. Ahern also has extensive experience in complex multi-party commercial litigation involving corporate, partnership, fiduciary and other professional duties, commercial torts, business relationship disputes, and commercial and residential construction defects.

Practice is currently confined to mediations, neutral case evaluation, arbitrations, special master appointments and consultation in his areas of practice experience. Mr. Ahern continues to conduct short trials and settlement conferences as a *Judge Pro Tempore* of the Maricopa County Superior Court, and he frequently acts as a Court-appointed discovery/special master in contentious commercial cases.

Mediation Process:

Mr. Ahern has a highly evaluative approach to mediation engagements. Each mediation is a process designed specifically to meet the unique needs of the particular case. To one degree or another, each mediation design will involve access to information, neutral evaluation of the factual and legal claims and defenses, confidential pre-mediation caucuses with each party group, and a full day mediation. In complex multi-party cases, a mediation design may include neutral evaluation of insurance coverages and carrier relationships, meetings with experts, and site visits. Mr. Ahern's unique mediation process is extremely well-suited for early mediations of all types of cases, and it is particularly attractive to litigants and carriers involved in complex multi-party cases.