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Rich Spier opened his full-time practice as arbitrator and mediator in Portland, Oregon, in 1992, following practice as a litigator in prominent Portland firms. He now serves only as mediator (harder work, but more satisfying than serving as arbitrator). He started his legal career as law clerk for two years to the Chief Judge of the US District Court, District of Oregon. He welcomes engagements throughout Oregon and Washington (with no charge for travel time or travel expense). Rich is listed for Mediation in [Best Lawyers in America©](#).

Having handled several thousand engagements as arbitrator or mediator, Rich is among the most highly experienced lawyer/neutrals in the Pacific Northwest. As a full-time mediator, Rich no longer engages in the private practice of law for clients, but is proud to maintain active membership in the Oregon and Washington State Bars. He has served as Chair of the Oregon State Bar Section on Alternative Dispute Resolution, Chair of the Oregon State Bar Committee on Federal Practice and Procedure, member of the Oregon Board of Bar Examiners, and member of the Oregon State Bar Disciplinary Board Trial Panel. He is a Member (2012-2015) of the Oregon State Bar Board of Governors.

Rich limits his mediation practice to cases in which all parties are represented by legal counsel.

Rich receives most of his engagements directly from the lawyers in a case, who jointly agree to retain and contact him. He also welcomes engagements from counsel through administering or referring organizations with which he is listed, including the [American Arbitration Association](#) (AAA mediation panels), the [Financial Industry Regulatory Authority](#) (FINRA mediation panel), and the [International Mediation Institute](#) (IMI Certified Mediator).

Educational Background

- B.A. (with great distinction), Stanford University, Phi Beta Kappa
- J.D. (magna cum laude), Cornell University, Order of the Coif