## Alan Marks, Esq. Marks Mediation 1400 Veterans Memorial Hwy, Suite 134 #209 Mableton, GA 30126 770-290-0551

alan@marksmediation.com

At Marks Mediation, LLC creative solutions are explored to avoid stalemate. We discuss objective criteria or do a "reality check" early in the mediation conference. We create an atmosphere where all parties win. We help you understand how resolving the claim creates certainty, thereby avoiding the pitfalls of litigation.

The seed that led to Marks Mediation, LLC was planted in the spring of 1991. It was then that my left knee was severely injured while serving as a firefighter for the Fire Department of New York City. Unexpectedly, I was catapulted into the world of workers' compensation. What a ride it has been!

In 1996, after years of physical therapy, injections, surgery and rehabilitation my orthopedic surgeon informed me that I could not perform the duties of a firefighter any longer. I was forced into early retirement. Fortunately, I had anticipated this day and enrolled in St. John's University School of Law two years earlier.

Since entering the practice of law, I have worked in private practice as a defense attorney and claimant's attorney. I've also served as a mediator for the Georgia State Board of Workers' Compensation. I affectionately tell friends that I've worked on the defense side, on the claimant's side and on the inside, all while being an injured worker.

This highlights my unique perspective; I relate to the injured worker. I have literally lived in their shoes and felt their pain. I also relate to the claimant and defense attorney. Like very few others, I truly understand the pressures that come to bear on all players at the mediation conference.

My unique perspective builds bridges using genuine empathy, understanding and objectivity.

## **EDUCATION**

J.D. with Honors St. John's University School of Law 1998

B.A. Adelphi University 1983

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

State Bar of Georgia Member in good standing since admission in 2004 Pennsylvania Bar Association Member in good standing since admission in 1998

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

State Bar of Georgia - Dispute Resolution Section Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution