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### **MEDIATION PRACTICE & ADR LEADERSHIP**

- Mediation of complex business disputes, personal injury (pedestrian/truck/auto), real estate, contract disputes, business separation, trade secrets, DTPA, fraud, consumer matters (including credit, loan, mortgage payments, odometer rollback disclosure, and FICO), HOA, labor and employment, construction (commercial and residential), internal organizational conflicts, and cultural organizational conflicts, together with other fields of practice.
- Council Member, SBOT ADR Section (2023-present)
- Chair, Bylaws Committee and Website Committee, SBOT ADR Section Council (2023-present)
- State Bar Board Advisor to the SBOT ADR Section Council (2016-2018, 2020-2023)
- Director, Texas Mediator Credentialing Association (2021-present)
- Chair, Grievance Committee, Texas Mediator Credentialing Association (2023-present)
- Special Representative to SBOT ADR Section Council (2018-2020)
- Founder and Administrator, "Attorney Mediators" (2016-present)
- Member, Association of Attorney Mediators
- Mediation Malpractice Insurance
- Volunteer Mediator at DRC (Harris)
- Arbitrator, AAA Roster of Arbitrators (Consumer) (2021-present)

### **LEADERSHIP**

- Director, State Bar of Texas, District 4, representing the attorneys of Harris County (2020-2023)
- Director, State Bar of Texas, District 5, representing the attorneys of Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Brazoria, and others near Houston (2015-2018)
- Chair, State Bar of Texas Technology Oversight Committee (2017-2018, 2021-2023)
- Board Advisor, State Bar of Texas MCLE Committee (2020-2023)
- Member, State Bar of Texas Continuing Legal Education Committee (2023-2026)
- Member, Nominations & Elections Subcommittee (2016-2018, 2021-2023)
- Member, Policy Manual Committee (2016-2018, 2020)
- Member, State Bar of Texas District 5 Grievance Committee (2018-2020)
- Board Advisor, State Bar College (2017-2018)
- Director, Fort Bend County Bar Association (2014-2018)
- Member, Fort Bend County Law Library Committee (2015-present)
- Founder and Administrator, "Texas Lawyers" (2014-present)
- Nominations co-Chair (2016-2018); Sustaining Life Fellow, *Texas Bar Foundation* (2016-present)

### **RATINGS & AWARDS**

- Rated By Super Lawyers, ADR Category (2023-2024)
- Rated Martindale-Hubbell A-V Preeminent
- Texas Chapter, National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals for Mediation
- Credentialed Distinguished Mediator, Texas Mediator Credentialing Association
- Outstanding Third Year Director, Board of Directors, SBOT (2018)
- Judge Sam Williams Award, State Bar of Texas (2018)

### **PRESENTATIONS**

- "Confidentiality and Impartiality" (Panelist, Texas Mediator Credentialing Association CLE, 2023)
- "Mediation Techniques" (Speaker, UNT Dallas School of Law, Mediation Class, 2022 and 2023)
- "Mediation Session Outset Strategies" (Panelist, Texas Mediator Credentialing Association, 2023)
- "Best Practices in Mediation" (Panelist, Texas Mediator Credentialing Association, 2022)

- "Covering the Basics: New Mediator Q&A" (Panelist, Texas Mediator Credentialing Association) (2021)
- "Professional Responsibility in the Virtual World", Speaker, Houston Bar Association Professional Responsibility CLE (2020)
- "Virtual Mediation in Practice" Panelist, Houston Bar Association ADR Section CLE (2020)
- One Hour Live, Interviewed by President of Houston Young Lawyers Association (2020)
- "Dealing with Ethical Issues in Mediation", Panelist, Texas Bar College Summer School CLE (2019)
- "Multi-Cultural Issues in ADR", Panelist, Advanced Alternative Dispute Resolution CLE (2019)
- "The Ever Changing World of Social Media", State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting CLE (2018)
- "Running for Bar Office", Moderator, SBOT Bar Leaders Conference. (2018)
- "Avoiding Communication Breakdowns at Mediation and Encouraging Open Dialogue," Impromptu, SBOT ADR Section CLE (2017)
- "Social Media Ethics" African-American Section Annual Summit and SBOT Emeritus CLE (2017)
- "Mediation with Family Law Curveballs" at Fort Bend County Amicus/Guardianship/Mediation CLE (2016)

### **PUBLICATIONS**

- "10 Reasons Zoom Mediations Succeed" (2020)
- "Ethical Guidelines for Mediators", Texas Bar College Summer School CLE (2019)
- "The ADR Anachronism: Decoupling Arbitration and Mediation" (2019)
- "No-Fly Zone: The Demand to Limit Future Client Representation" (2019)
- "Video in Appellate Opinion: An Advance in Jurisprudential Communications" (2019)
- "How Fact Affects Valuation in Personal Injury Mediation" (2018)
- "An Evaluative Mediator Approach to Personal Injury Dispute Resolution" (2018)
- "Compassion and Expression in Mediation" (2018)
- "Evaluative Approach to Differing Perspectives in an Online Legal Community" (2018)
- "Mediation and Preparation: Advice for Attorneys in General Session or Caucus" (2018)
- "A Mediator's Approach to Party Emotion" (2018)
- "The Mediator's Proposal: Factors for Consideration" (2018)
- "Mediation Memorandum: An Overview" (2018)
- "Mediator-Attorney: Proactive Avoidance of Party Confusion" (2018)
- "When Attorney Sports the Mediator's Hat: Settlement Agreement Drafting Ethics" (2018)
- "Social Cause for Misperception of the Mediation Joint Session" (2018)
- "Fundamentals of the Constructive Mediation Joint Session" (2018)
- "Cultural Diversity: Explicit and Implicit Bias at Mediation" (2018)
- "Court-Ordered Mediation: Attend in Good Faith" (2018)
- "Mediation and Motivation: A Survey of Resolutive Circumstances" (2018)
- "The Ethics of Mediation Confidentiality" (2017)
- "Perceptions of Safety: Overcoming a Codified Mediation Objection" (2017)
- "Board of Directors Conflict: Mediating to Resolution" (2017)
- "Patience and Rapport: On Being an Effective Mediator" (2017)
- "Mediation with Family Law Curveballs", Fort Bend County Guardianship/Mediation CLE (2016)
- Other - Texas Bar Journal, "Interview by Eric Quitugua" (June 2018, May 2022)

### **LAW PRACTICE - LICENSED IN TEXAS (2007) AND NEW YORK (2000)**

- Contracts and negotiation. Business and transactional (contracts, acquisitions, dispositions, transfers, communications)
- Civil litigation and business advisory. Personal injury (auto, premises, medical malpractice); DTPA; contracts; business conflict prevention and resolution
- Criminal defense. (alleged murder)

### **EDUCATION**

SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE OF LAW – DOCTORATE OF JURISPRUDENCE - 1999

- Highest Grade Certificate, Alternative Dispute Resolution
- First place, Abraham, Watkins, Sorrels, and Friend Mock Trial Competition

VASSAR COLLEGE – BACHELOR OF ARTS, POLITICAL SCIENCE - 1995