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Since 1979, M. Beth Krugler has been on a unique career path leading her to become a top Texas mediator and regular go-to professional when the results really matter.

A Baylor Law School grad (February 1985) Beth put herself through school utilizing the Master's of Science (Psychology) she'd earned years earlier from Texas A&M. First hired by a large and venerable Fort Worth firm to do commercial litigation as well as insurance defense, Beth enjoyed learning the legal ins and outs from some of Texas' best litigators.

However, after a few years, Beth found she was often distracted by her tendency to see not only her own client's perspective, but the opposing party's as well. Thinking she would be better suited for an in-house position, Beth joined a large Fortune 500 corporation, where she was hired to do labor arbitration.



Soon realizing advocating in the arbitration setting was not all that different from litigating in the courtroom, in 1992 Beth opened her mediation firm specializing in resolving disputes outside the courtroom or arbitrator's office. It was in this setting that Beth's energy, experience and interpersonal skills were fully utilized, and as they say, the rest is history. To date, she's successfully resolved over 4000 cases and counting.

Since discovering mediation as her professional niche, Beth's name has appeared on virtually every law related "Who's Who" published. Acknowledged by Martindale-Hubble as a top AV rated lawyer from the first year eligible, Beth has gone on to be named a Super Lawyer by Texas Monthly for several years running. She's also been on the annual "Best Of" lists published by Fort Worth, Texas Magazine, as well as Fort Worth Business Press.

Locally, Beth was elected President of the Tarrant County Bar Association (2003-2004) and served in various other capacities throughout the years, including involvement on a State-wide basis. Her most prestigious honor to date, however, was being given the *Professionalism Award* by the Tarrant County Bar Association in 2013, which is awarded annually to the lawyer chosen as best exemplifying consistent excellence and professionalism. To Beth, this is not just an honor recognizing past performance, but stands as a personal directive to continue to provide her best efforts in helping litigants and lawyers fully and thoughtfully consider all of their options when facing the uncertainties and expense of litigation.

For more information on Beth's service to the Tarrant County Bar and the State Bar of Texas, please visit www.bethkrugler.com.