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BIOGRAPHY

Brooks Foland brings over three decades of legal experience to his role as a mediator. With a background as an advocate and litigator, he has been involved in numerous mediations spanning various areas such as personal injury, product liability, professional liability and insurance coverage. Over the years, he has honed his skills through formal mediation training and collaborating with a diverse range of ADR (alternative dispute resolution) professionals.

Drawing from this wealth of experience, Brooks approaches each mediation with a nuanced understanding of the most effective strategies. Over the last 5 or so years, he has mediated approximately 250 cases across multiple domains.



EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

- Temple University: Political Science (B.A., 1990)
- Widener University School of Law (Delaware): (J.D., 1993)
- Certified as a Mediator by the United States District Courts, Middle District of Pennsylvania (2021), Eastern District of Pennsylvania (2023) and Western District of Pennsylvania (2024)
- Certified as EEOC Pro Bono Mediator
- MCARE Approved Mediator

TRAINING

- Pepperdine Caruso School of Law: Mediating the Litigated Case (40 hours)
- United States District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania: Training for Mediation Panel (24 hours)
- Advoz Mediation and Restorative Practices: Conflict, Communication & Culture (9 hours)
- The Conflict Lab (PBGH): Design Thinking in Mediation (6 hours)



- Dauphin County Bar Association: Civil Dispute Resolution Program: (5 hours)

INVOLVEMENT

- Pennsylvania Bar Association: ADR Committee, Co-Chair
- Dauphin County Bar Association: ADR Committee, Chair
- Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations: Volunteer Mediator
- Advoz Mediation and Restorative Practices: Volunteer Mediator
- Just Mediation Pittsburgh: Panel Mediator

ACCOLADES IN ADR/MEDIATION

- PBI/PBA ADR Committee: Civility in ADR/Mediation, March 2022 (Speaker)
- DCBA ADR Committee:
 - In the Zoom: Ins and Outs of Virtual Mediation, October 2022 (Moderator),
 - Using ADR in Your Practice: December 2022 (Speaker)
 - Early Intervention: The Value of Pre-Suit and Early Mediation, December 2023 (Speaker)
- Pennsylvania Council of Mediators Annual Conference: Mediator's Role as Convenor, April 2023 (Speaker)
- PBI/PBA YLD Summer Summit: ADR - "Bitter Sweet Symphony," July 2023 (Speaker)
- PBI/PBA YLD Summer Summit: "Rethinking the 'Alternative' in ADR," August 2025 (Speaker)

COMPENSATION:

\$395 per hour (2 parties), \$495 per hour (3 or more parties) – shared equally among the parties absent an agreement otherwise. Travel billed at reduced rate of \$200 per hour.

MEDIATION STYLE:

My approach to mediation is more facilitative than evaluative so that parties have the best chance of coming to self-determined agreements based on shared information and an understanding of interests and needs while drawing upon my nearly 30 years of litigation experience.

MEDIATION CASE TYPES:

Civil claims and litigation, including premises liability, products liability, professional liability, EMS and healthcare, dram shop, contract disputes, construction, landlord-tenant, real estate, employment, insurance coverage and insurance bad faith matters and car, truck and motorcycle accidents.

