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**Christopher M. Skelly** conducts mediations and arbitrations and serves as a special master and discovery master in civil cases. He also serves as an insurance appraisal umpire. Mr. Skelly was a judge on the Arizona Superior Court in Maricopa County until the year 2000. He was the Associate Presiding Judge for four years, and the Presiding Judge of the Civil Department for two. He also served on civil, criminal and probate calendar assignments. Since 2000 he has worked full time as a lawyer, mediator and arbitrator. He has conducted thousands of mediations in every kind of civil matter and thousands of civil court proceedings and arbitrations/hearings.

Mr. Skelly has served on numerous committees of the courts, state and local bar associations. He chaired the Arizona Commission on Judicial Performance Review and served on the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission. He is past president of the Arizona Judges Association; former chair of the Arizona State Bar Ethics Committee; former chair of the Arizona State Bar Civil Practice and Procedure Committee; former chair of the Arizona State Bar Civil Jury Instructions Committee; former member of the Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct; former member of the Arizona State Bar Criminal Rules Committee; former member of the Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission; and former chair of an Arizona State Bar lawyer disciplinary hearing committee.

Mr. Skelly is listed in The Best Lawyers in America for Alternative Dispute Resolution (2011 Phoenix Area ADR Lawyer of the Year, 2012, 2015, 2020 and 2022 Phoenix Area Arbitration Lawyer of the Year, and 2014, 2016, 2018 and 2021 Phoenix Area Mediation Lawyer of the Year), The Lawdragon 500 Leading Judges in America, The American Lawyer Top Lawyers, The Phoenix Magazine Top Lawyers, Arizona's Finest Lawyers, The Best of Arizona Business Attorneys, etc. He is a member of various alternative dispute resolution organizations and has participated in hundreds of hours of mediation training as an instructor and a student.

Mr. Skelly practiced law at Fennemore Craig in Phoenix. He is an occasional judge pro tem at the Arizona Court of Appeals (Div. 1) and Superior Court in Maricopa County (civil, criminal and probate). He is "AV" rated as a lawyer by Martindale-Hubbell and is a fellow of the Arizona Bar Foundation. Mr. Skelly has taught business law at Phoenix College and has served as an adjunct professor at the Arizona State University College of Law. He has chaired and participated as an instructor in many continuing legal and judicial education training seminars and courses.