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Biography

Christopher Nolland was born in 1951 and raised in upstate New York.

Education/Experience. In 1974, Mr. Nolland received his Bachelor of Arts, with honors, from the State University of New York (Oswego). In 1977, he received his Juris Doctor, with honors, from Albany Law School of Union University where he was also a member of the law review. Mr. Nolland was formally trained as a professional mediator through the mediator training program of the American Academy of Attorney-Mediators, Inc. and is a member of the Association of Attorney Mediators, Association for Conflict Resolution, American College of Civil Trial Mediators and the Texas Academy of Distinguished Neutrals. Mr. Nolland has mediated over 2,400 matters. He has been an Adjunct Professor of Law at Southern Methodist University Law School since 1997 teaching each year a full semester course on Negotiation. Mr. Nolland also regularly serves as an arbitrator in significant matters.

Private Law Practice. After law school, Mr. Nolland served as an appellate law clerk and thereafter practiced law in New York City with a major national firm and in New York City and Dallas, Texas, as a partner with a well-known national business litigation firm. His experience as a lawyer is in complex litigation including business, contracts, franchise law, securities, intellectual property, partnerships, joint ventures, bankruptcy, banking and lender liability, probate, trust and estate litigation. Since originating his own firm in 1993, Mr. Nolland has built a mediation practice emphasizing complex business and commercial litigation, bankruptcy matters (including post-plan litigation) and significant trust, estate, and probate disputes. Additionally, Mr. Nolland has created a specialized law practice acting as Special Negotiation/Settlement Counsel to other law firms and clients in a non-neutral capacity in significant litigation.

Professional Recognition. In 2003, 2005, 2007, 2008, and 2010 – 2019 (all years the list has been published), Mr. Nolland was named by *D Magazine* as one of the Best Lawyers in Dallas; and in all years from 2003 - 2019 *Texas Monthly* selected him as a Texas Super Lawyer based upon the votes of his peers. He has also been selected by *The Best Lawyers in America* for all years from 2008 - 2019, and is ranked as a first tier mediator for 2013- 2019 by *U.S. News and World Report*. Mr. Nolland is one of only 5 Texas mediator finalists statewide for the 2012 *Go-To Lawyers Guide* published by *Texas Lawyer* every five years and in 2016 he was selected for its Lifetime Achievement Award. In 2016, he was named as a National ADR Champion by *The National Law Journal*, and was the recipient of the Steve Brutché Award from the National Association of Attorney Mediators (it's highest honor). In 2018, he received the Justice Frank Evans Award from the ADR Section of the State Bar of Texas for excellence in the field of Alternate Dispute Resolution. He was named by *Chambers* as a leading Nationwide Mediator in 2017, 2018, and 2019. In 2019 *Texas Lawyer* named Mr. Nolland a Texas Trailblazer for his creation of a new legal practice area - acting as Special Settlement Counsel to clients in major litigation.

Fee Schedule. Mr. Nolland's typical mediation fees are \$3,000-\$5,000 *per party*, per day for full-day mediations, depending on the nature and complexity of the case, the number of parties, the amount, seriousness, or magnitude of the matters at issue, and other factors which may impact the amount of time necessary to conduct the mediation, preparation for the mediation, and for any post-mediation follow-up.

Types of Cases. Mr. Nolland is available to mediate commercial and business cases; bankruptcy related matters; note and lender cases; trade secret and intellectual property cases; probate, trust, and estate litigation; securities cases; significant product liability cases; employment matters including sex, age, or race discrimination, wrongful termination and FLSA cases; insurance cases; franchise or license litigation cases; lender liability cases; construction cases; DTPA cases; commercial landlord/tenant disputes; legal and accounting malpractice cases; partnership and corporate oppression disputes; class actions; and D&O litigation.

Scheduling Matters. In addition to normal business days, Mr. Nolland is often available to mediate cases on the weekends to accommodate special scheduling needs of the parties or the court. He also mediates cases in locales throughout the nation and internationally.

Court Admissions. Mr. Nolland is licensed to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. Courts of Appeal for the 2nd, 4th and 5th Circuits, U.S. District Courts for the Northern and Eastern Districts of Texas and for the Northern, Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, the Texas Supreme Court and all State Courts in Texas (Texas Bar No. 15066650), and all State Courts in New York.