



DENISE PETERSON, JD, FCIARB

*ATTORNEY – ARBITRATOR –
MEDIATOR - SOLICITOR*

MEDIATOR

Texas Department of Insurance
Mediation Panel Member

ARBITRATOR

Panel Membership:

AAA: Consumer

FINRA

State of Texas

Chair: FINRA

ADMISSIONS

State Bar of Texas

State Bar of New York

Southern District of Texas

Eastern District of Texas

Senior Courts of England and

Wales

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EXPERIENCE

PETERSONADR

2016 TO PRESENT

Ms. Peterson provides practical, pragmatic mediation services for state and federal civil cases. Ms. Peterson has arbitrated over 150 cases to date as chair, panel member, or sole arbitrator, including ad-hoc cases.

She is a sought-after educator in mediation, arbitration, and ethics.

SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE OF LAW

SEPTEMBER 2022 TO PRESENT

Ms. Peterson is an adjunct clinical professor for the dispute resolution programs as part of the Frank Evans Center. Her courses include the mediation clinic and “Negotiation for Litigation Attorneys.” The “Negotiation for Litigation Attorneys” course was designed and written by Ms. Peterson.

MORGAN, LEWIS, AND BOCKIUS

2011 TO 2015

As an associate attorney for Morgan Lewis, Ms. Peterson’s practice included handling general litigation matters, investigation, regulatory compliance, and alternative dispute resolution in banking, consumer debt, product liability, labor and employment, and intellectual property.

HARRIS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

2009 TO 2010

Internship in the Family Criminal Law Division trying Protective Orders for survivors of domestic violence under the supervision of a senior attorney.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Fellow, Houston Bar Foundation
- Member, Texas Bar Honors College
- Member, Houston International Arbitration Club
- Member, Association of Attorney Mediators
- Member, Houston Bar Association
- Member, Mexican American Bar Association of Houston

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- Member, Muslim-American Bar Association of Houston
- Member, Hispanic Bar Association of Houston

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS AND COMMITTEES

- Chair and Founder, Texas Volunteer Mediator Association
- Committee Member, Houston Bar Association, Continuing Legal Education Committee
- Committee Member, American Bar Association, Legal Education in Dispute Resolution

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Martindale-Hubbell – AV Preeminent and High Ethical Standards
 - 2023
- Super Lawyers: ADR
 - 2021, 2022 and 2023 Award Years
- Super Lawyers: Rising Star
 - 2020 Award Year
- Houstonia Magazine: Top Attorney
 - 2018 - 2022

RECENT PAPERS AND ARTICLES

- Ethical Considerations in Pre-Dispute Clause Construction, Selecting an Administrative Organization or Self-Administered Arbitration, and the Use of Administrative Rules: Symposium Transcript
 - The Law Review of South Texas College of Law, Houston, Volume 62, Number 4
- Book Review: “The Singapore Convention on Mediation: A Commentary on the United Nations Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation”
 - The Journal of the Institute for Transnational Arbitration, Volume 5, Issue 1
- Gender Bias in Appellate Advocacy
 - Advanced Appellate Conference 2021
- Brackets Belong in Baseball, Lexology, June 2021
- Avoiding Tragedy in Mediation, Lexology, May 2021
- Dispositive Motions in Arbitration: Cracking Open the Black Box

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- Houston Lawyer Magazine, January/February
2021 Edition

RECENT DR & ETHICS INSTRUCTION

- The Crossroads of International Arbitration, Finance, and Investment: A Symposium
 - South Texas College of Law Centennial Symposium Series
 - Keynote speaker: “Why Dispute Resolution Isn’t Alternative Anymore”
 - Moderator and panelist: “Singapore Convention”
- Introduction to Implicit Bias & Human Decision Making
 - Houston Bar Association, August 2023
- Why Dispute Resolution Isn’t Alternative Anymore
 - State Bar of Texas Annual Conference, June 2023
- Arbitration: Ethical Considerations Pre-Dispute
 - 28th Annual Ethics Symposium, South Texas College of Law, February 2022
- Implicit Bias: What’s all the fuss?
 - Texas Minority Counsel Program 2021
- Implicit Bias for Criminal Defense Attorneys, May 2021
 - Harris County Public Defender’s Office
- Implicit Bias for Attorneys, October 2020
 - Bexar County Women Attorney Association
- Acts of Allyship, August 2020
 - Bexar County Women Attorney Association
- Implicit Bias: Ethics for Mediators, July 2020
 - Montgomery County Dispute Resolution Center
- LGBTQIA Issues in Mediation, July 2020
 - Montgomery County Dispute Resolution Center
- What’s Next: A Series on adaptive law during COVID, May 2020
- Implicit Bias: Addressing and Correcting, February 2020
 - Muslim Bar Association of Houston
- Handling Difficult Clients, February 2020
 - Houston Bar Association’s Annual CLE Day
- Tales from the Crypt: Avoiding the Grievance Process, November 2019
 - Galveston Bar Association
- When to Mediate and How to Prepare, August 2019
 - Houston Young Lawyers Association (HYLA)
- Ethics in Mediation, July 2019

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- Texas State Bar Summer Conference

PROFESSIONAL SPEAKING

- Translating Expertise to English
 - International Society of Appraisers Annual Conference, March 2023

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

- FINRA Special Arbitrator Roster Expungement, 2023
- FINRA Chairperson, 2021
- AAA Consumer Panelist, 2021
- Maritime Arbitration Certificate – Lloyd’s of London, 2018
- Qualified Lawyer’s Transfer Scheme, 2018
- Path to Fellowship, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, 2017
- Forty-Hour Mediation Certificate, 2016
- Arbitration Certification, 2016

EDUCATION**TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, MA PROGRAM, 2021-
PRESENT**

- Master of History program, currently enrolled
- 3.7 GPA / 27 hours completed

SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE OF LAW, JD, 2010

- ABA Regional Negotiation Competition Champion, 2009
- ABA National Negotiation Competition Competitor, 2009
- Vis Moot Brief Writer, 2010

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON, BA HISTORY, 2007

- Graduated Magna Cum Laude
- Provost’s Undergraduate Research Scholarship
- History Honors Society