

## J. Dewey Watson

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**Current Employer** ADR, Inc.

**Profession** Full time Arbitrator, Hearing Officer and Mediator

**Work History** ADR, Inc. 2010- present; Friday, Eldredge & Clark, 1971-2010; Hearing Officer, Arkansas Contractors Licensing Board, 1990-present; Law Clerk, Associate Justice Lyle Brown, Arkansas Supreme Court, 1970-71; On-camera Weatherman, KGTO-TV, 1969-70; Officer, U.S. Marines, 1963-67, Marine Reserves, 1967-92; radio announcer, KVRC, 1959-63.

**Experience** Active practice of law since 1971. As a lawyer, practiced in areas of administrative law, appeals, anti-trust, commercial, construction, eminent domain, employment, insurance, medical malpractice, personal injury, and railroad law, litigating a wide variety of cases before juries, trial judges, arbitrators, administrative agencies, and appellate courts. Represented individuals and commercial clients. Provided legal advice regarding arbitration, mediation, litigation, insurance, and employment matters in an attempt to avoid disputes. Active arbitrator and mediator since 1990.

**Professional Licenses/Certifications** Admitted to the Bar: Arkansas, 1970; Texas, 1999; U.S. District Court, Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas, 1970; U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit, 1974; U.S. District Court, Nebraska, 2004; U.S. Supreme Court, 1985. Certified Mediator for Circuit Courts, Arkansas Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission, 2004; Large Complex Panel of Arbitrators, American Arbitration Association, 2003; Commercial Panel of Arbitrators and Panel of Mediators, American Arbitration Association, 1990.

**Professional Associations** Association for Conflict Resolution; American Bar Association (ADR Section; Forum Committee on Construction Industry; Litigation Section); Arkansas Bar Association (Secretary, ADR Section; Past Chair, Construction Law Section); Arkansas Bar Foundation; Advisory Board, Institute for Transnational Arbitration of The Center for American and International Law; Pulaski County Bar Association; Henry Woods Inn of Court, Past Group Leader.

**Education** Ouachita Baptist University (BA-1963); University of Arkansas (JD-1970).

**Awards, Honors, and Civic Endeavors** Continuing Legal Education Award for Outstanding Contributions, Arkansas Bar Association, 2007; President's Award, Pulaski Bar Association, 2007; Presidential Award of Excellence, Arkansas Bar Association, 2005; Listed in The Best Lawyers in America; Martindale-Hubbell "a" "v" rating; Bronze Star with Combat "V," awarded by U.S. Marine Corps in Vietnam, 1966; Dean, Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity, 1968; National Moot Court Team, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville Law School, 1970; Chairman, Metropolitan YMCA, 1995-1998; Chairman, Metropolitan YMCA Foundation, 2004-present; Board of Directors, Arkansas Baptist Children's Homes & Family Ministries, 2004-present; Former Member, Board of Directors, Central Arkansas Health Systems Agency.

**Publications and Speaking Engagements** Contributing author, STATE-BY-STATE ANALYSIS OF LEGAL ISSUES AFFECTING ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, CONTRACTORS, AND OWNERS, Aspen Law & Business, 2006; Contributing author, STATE-BY-STATE GUIDE TO ARCHITECT, ENGINEER AND CONTRACTOR LICENSING, Aspen Law & Business, 1999, with annual updated supplements; Contributing author, FIFTY STATE MONOGRAPH ON THE ENFORCEABILITY OF "NO DAMAGES FOR DELAY CLAUSES," American Bar Association, 1998; Author, "What is ADR? Mediation? Arbitration?" THE AGC ADVANTAGE, p. 14, May 2000; Speaker, Best of CLE, Ethics, 2008; Speaker, ADR Conference, Ethics, 2008; Speaker, Wright Firm CLE, Expert Witnesses, 2008; Speaker, Construction Industry Conference, Ethics, 2007; Speaker, Construction Industry Conference, Ethics, 2006; Speaker, Best of CLE, Ethics, 2006; Speaker, Fall Legal Institute, Ethics, 2006; Speaker, Obesity Conference, 2005; Speaker, Arbitration Advocacy, 2004; Speaker, Mediation Advocacy, 2003; Speaker, "Arbitration for Construction Contractors," Arkansas Bar Association, 2000.

**References** Upon request.

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