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MEDIATOR

After my recent retirement as a Montana Supreme Court Justice, and former Montana District Court Judge, I now provide mediation services in tandem with my wife Julie Sandefur (formerly Montana District Court Judge Julie Macek) as co-mediators on a two-for-the-price-of-one basis.

We are experienced, well known, and respected former Montana Supreme Court and State District Judges who have actually decided all aspects of civil and criminal cases that arise in the State of Montana court system. We offer our unique viewpoints and experience to help clients reach a prompt, cost-effective, and mutually satisfactory settlement of their pre- and pending litigation legal disputes. We offer more than 60 years of combined experience as lawyers and judges, providing clients with unique expertise and a balanced, impartial approach to mediation.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Montana Supreme Court Justice, 2017-24, Appeals & Orig. Writ Jurisdiction

District Judge, Montana 8th Jud. District Court, 2002-16, Great Falls, MT, General Trial Court Criminal and Civil Jurisdiction

Chief Civil Dep. County Attorney, Cascade Co. Attorney's Office, Great Falls, MT, 1994-2002, General Counsel and Litigation for County and Other Local State and Government Entities

Contract Public Defender, Montana 8th Jud. Dist. Court, Great Falls, MT, 1994

Associate Attorney, *Matteucci, Falcon, Squires & Lester, P.C.*, Great Falls, Montana; 1993-94, General Civil Practice and Litigation (Commercial, Real Estate, Probate, and Family Law)

Legal Intern, Missoula County Attorney's Office, Missoula, MT, Summer 1992, Misdemeanor Criminal Prosecution (Student Practice Rule).

Legal Intern, *Sullivan & Tabaracci, P.C.*, Missoula, MT, Summers 1992-93, Legal Research and Drafting Projects

AWARDS

Montana Supreme Court Distinguished Service Award, 2024.

Cascade County Bar Association Ed Alexander Distinguished Service & Professionalism Award, 2017.

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

Police Officer, City of Havre Police Department, Havre, MT, 1987-90.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Const. Insp. Aid, Malmstrom AFB, 1984-86.

EDUCATION

Accredited Mediator, National Judicial College Civil Mediation Course (40 hours), 2024

University of Montana Law School, Missoula, MT, Juris Doctor With High Honors, 1993 (3rd of 75), West Publishing Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement

University of Montana, B.Sc. With Honors, Computer Science, 1985

Montana Law Enforcement Academy, MT Dept. of Justice, 1988

Great Falls High School, 1980, National Honor Society

ASSOCIATIONS

Montana Supreme Court Standing Masters Rules Committee, 2019-21

Montana Judges Association (including service as President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer)

Montana Supreme Court Rules of Civil Procedure Committee, 2010-11

Montana District Court Council, 2014-16

Montana Bar Association, 1993-Date

Cascade County Bar Association, 1993-Date

Admitted To Practice in Montana & U.S. District Court (Mont.), 1993

Havre Police Protective Association, 1987-90