

Donald R. McNeil is a successful business trial attorney with over thirty-one years of legal experience and provides mediation services. He is on the current roster of qualified Rule 114 Neutrals with the Minnesota Supreme Court. He has served as a mediator on a variety of business and employment disputes, including business divorce in closely held companies, shareholder disputes, partnership disputes, buy-sell agreements, non-competes, executive compensation disputes, employment disputes, real estate disputes and contract matters. Don has also served as a mediator in the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) (previously NASD), including customer claims for unsuitable or speculative investment recommendations, and registered representatives in employment disputes.

He has presented seven cases before the Minnesota Supreme Court on important and significant legal issues. For the last twelve years, Law & Politics magazine recognized Don as one of the Top 40 Business Litigators in Minnesota. He has been recognized every year since 1999 as a Minnesota SuperLawyer. He holds the highest rating (AV) from Martindale Hubbell Directory. He is also certified as a civil trial specialist by the Minnesota State Bar Association. The Hennepin County Bar Association awarded him with the 2016 Pro Bono Publico award for his volunteer work.

Don is also a champion for children with disabilities and is active in the disability community on legislative and policy-making matters to assist the vulnerable and disabled. He co-chaired the Minnesota Legislative Taskforce reviewing caseloads for special education; served on the Minnesota Department of Human Services Autism Spectrum Disorder (“ASD”) Advisory Council providing input into the development of a Medical Assistance benefit for children with ASD; is the past president and current Board Member of PACER Center, a national organization helping families and children with disabilities; served on the Minnesota Department of Education Finance Work Group; and was a member of the Minnesota Legislative Taskforce reviewing special education laws and regulations. He has been quoted in the Washington Post and other news media on issues affecting children with disabilities.

Don graduated third in his law school class at Mitchell Hamline Law School and then served as a judicial clerk for the Honorable Mary Jeanne Coyne of the Minnesota Supreme Court. Don practiced with Popham, Haik, Schnobrich & Kaufman before joining Heley, Duncan & Melander as a partner. He currently serves as the firm’s managing partner. Don is a husband and father of three, and as a former 400 meter trackster at Gustavus Adolphus College likes to remind people that the “older he gets, the faster he was.” For more detail, see his micro-website at www.mcneilmediation.com.