

RESUME

Durward W. Parkinson, Esq.

Mediator | Arbitrator | Facilitator | Attorney

Bergen & Parkinson, LLC

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WORK HISTORY

Bergen & Parkinson, LLC

Managing Partner; Founding Member

1998 to Present

Bernstein Shur Sawyer & Nelson

Attorney; Shareholder

1986 - 1998

EXPERIENCE

- Practicing attorney for over 30 years with broad-based knowledge and experience
- Reputation for creativity and practical solutions
- Significant experience appearing before administrative boards, trial and appellate courts
- Over 25 cases argued to the Maine Supreme Judicial Court
- Perseverant and skilled handling in high conflict and hard to settle matters
- Committed to in-depth training and pro bono mediation within the court system (CADRAS)
- Served as facilitator and moderator for schools, towns and non-profits

CASES HANDLED AS A MEDIATOR OR ARBITRATOR

Extensive experience as mediator or arbitrator in a wide variety of civil cases including real estate, business, employment, municipal/land use and family matters.

MULTI-PARTY DISPUTE RESOLUTION EXPERIENCE

Co-mediated with a Superior Court Justice in a case involving ownership and right-to-use a prominent beach in Maine. Case involved 100+ beach-front owners, 100+ back-lot owners, the Town and State. Mediation extended four full days and resulted in settlement mechanism for majority of parties.

Experience with multi-party cases involving insurance companies, lenders and governmental entities.

ADR PHILOSOPHY

- Emphasis on a cost-efficient, streamlined arbitration process; fixed fees are arranged on arbitration matters; parties frequently request fixed fee/all-inclusive arrangements to control costs
- Prompt, concise and reasoned decisions

- Skillful handling of contentious, hard to settle, emotionally charged disputes between business people, family members and governmental entities
- Attuned to the needs and personalities of participating parties
- Work closely with counsel to reduce settlement terms to writing
- Will arbitrate by agreement, disputes regarding interpretation of settlement agreement, if agreed to by the parties in writing

ADR TRAINING

- *Executive Mediation Training* at Mediation Works, Boston, MA – 2008
- *Training the Trainer* at Mediation Works, Boston, MA – 2009
- *Employment Law Mediator Training*, at Scheinman Institute of Conflict Resolution, Cornell ILR, New York, NY – 2011
- *Advanced Mediation and Advocacy Skills*, ABA Section on Dispute Resolution, Philadelphia, PA – 2009
- *Advanced Mediation and Advocacy Skills*, ABA Section on Dispute Resolution, Boston, MA – 2012
- *Solutions in Seattle*, ABA Section on Dispute Resolution, Seattle, WA – 2015

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

Admitted to Maine Bar – 1983

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- *American Bar Association: Section on Dispute Resolution*
- *Maine Association of Dispute Resolution Professionals*
- *Maine State Bar Association*
- *York County Bar Association*

EDUCATION

Brown University, A.B., Brown University: BA – 1979

University of Virginia: JD – 1982

AWARDS AND HONORS

Municipal Lawyer of the Year – Multiple Years

Best Lawyers in America by *New England Super Lawyers* – Multiple Years

AV-Rated by *Martindale Hubbell*

PUBLICATIONS

- Frequent author of seminar materials
- Editor of training manuals for municipal officials on legal issues

COMPENSATION

Hourly Rate: \$275.00, or a fixed fee arrangement for Arbitration

TRAVEL and CANCELLATION POLICY

- No charge for travel within 75 miles
- \$500.00 fee, if cancelled within 72 hours of mediation/arbitration