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**MEDIATION TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE:**

*Professionally trained in mediation/arbitration methods, including advanced skills techniques from Pepperdine University School of Law, Malibu, California.*

After practicing in a variety of settings spanning criminal prosecution, insurance defense, in-house corporate law and solo practice representing both plaintiffs and defendants, I began mediating full-time in March, 1991. The experience gained in mediating thousands of cases has allowed me to develop, refine and employ highly-developed mediation techniques focusing on risk-analysis and likely-trial outcome. Over the last **22 years**, I have mediated and/or arbitrated over **3,277 cases**, including multi-million dollar cases, personal injury, products liability, medical malpractice, worker's compensation, maritime, and complex, multi-party matters.

I completed the renowned Center for Dispute Resolution mediation training in Washington, D.C., and trained at Pepperdine University School of Law, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution: Advanced Mediation: Skills & Techniques. I have lectured extensively on mediation throughout Louisiana including presentations to the Alexandria, Monroe, Natchitoches and Shreveport Inns of Court, local and State Bar Association C.L.E. programs, the American Bar Association and state-wide and regional meetings of national insurance companies. I was the 2003-2005 Chairman of the ADR Section of the Louisiana State Bar Association and I am a member of the Dispute Resolution Section of the American Bar Association.

**EDUCATION:**

**J.D.**, May, 1979, Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, Georgia

**Phi Kappa Phi  
American Jurisprudence Award, Admiralty**

**B.A.**, May, 1976, H. Sophie Newcomb of Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana

**Phi Beta Kappa  
Magna Cum Laude**

**LEGAL EXPERIENCE:**

March 1991 - Present: *Mediation/Arbitration*

1989 - 1991: *Law Clerk*, THIRD CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEAL, for the Honorable Jimmy Stoker.

February 1986 - November 1986: *In-House Counsel*, Sentry Insurance Company, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

May 1983 - February 1986: *Associate*, Downing, Cazedessus & Powers, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Law Firm specializing in general civil litigation, plaintiffs and defendants, commercial and business law fields.

October 1979 - May, 1983: *Prosecutor*, Bossier Parish District Attorney's Office; and *Assistant Attorney General*, State of Louisiana, Criminal Division

## **PAPER/PRESENTATIONS:**

1. “***METHODS OF ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION***”, presented to the Shreveport Bar Association, December 11, 1992, and, in a modified form, with role play, to the Shreveport Inns of Court and the Monroe Inns of Court, 1993.
2. “***ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION***”, presented to the State Farm Regional Annual Meeting, Biloxi, Mississippi, October 1, 1993.
3. “***MEDIATION - ONE METHOD OF ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION***”, presented to the Crossroads Chapter of the American Inns of Court, Alexandria/Pineville, November 17, 1993.
4. “***MEDIATION***”, presented to the Louisiana State Bar Association Sandestin Summer School for Lawyers Program, Destin, Florida, June 5-8, 1994.
5. “***MEDIATION OF AN AUTO WRECK CASE, WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE YOU MEDIATE***”, presented to the American Bar Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, August 7, 1994.
6. “***SUCCESSFUL MEDIATION STRATEGIES***”, presented to the Louisiana State Bar Association, ADR For Advocates Program, New Orleans, Louisiana, December 18, 1996.
7. “***ETHICS OF MARITIME MEDIATION***”, presented to the Fifth Annual Admiralty Symposium, New Orleans, Louisiana, September 5, 1997.
8. “***MEDIATION***”, presented to the Women’s Section of the Lafayette Bar Association, Lafayette, Louisiana.
9. “***ETHICS AND THE LOUISIANA MEDIATION ACT***”, presented in the “CLE - By The Hour” program, Alexandria, Louisiana, December 11, 1997.
10. “***MEDIATION***”, presented to the North Louisiana Defense Lawyer’s Seminar, Shreveport, Louisiana, January 30-31, 1998.
11. “***PROFESSIONALISM AND ETHICS IN MEDIATION***”, presented to the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel, Cancun, Mexico, October 20-24, 1999.
12. “***MEDIATION IN THE MILLENNIUM***”, presented to the Alexandria Bar Association, Central Louisiana CLE Seminar, Alexandria, Louisiana, March 15, 2001
13. “***MEDIATION’S MILLENNIUM - TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES THE INSURANCE RIDDLE***”, presented to the Louisiana Claims Association, Biloxi, Mississippi, May 29-30, 2002; to the Louisiana State Bar Association “A Medley of Key Issues in Insurance Law”, New Orleans, Louisiana, October 6, 2000; and to the Shreveport Bar Association “CLE By The Hour”, Shreveport, Louisiana, December 10-11, 2003.

14. ***“RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN MEDIATION”***, presented to the North Louisiana Judiciary Seminar, Shreveport, Louisiana, October 16-17, 2003.
15. ***“NEGOTIATING AT THE FRONT LINES: ADR AMMO FROM BATTLE-SCARRED VETS”***, presented as part of the LSU Law School CLE program at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, April 30, 2004.
16. ***“PRACTITIONER’S GUIDE TO SUCCESSFULLY MEDIATING A PI CASE AND ETHICS”***, presented as part of the LSU Law School CLE program at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, March 31, 2006.
17. ***“RECENT JURISPRUDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE WORLD OF MEDIATION”***, presented to the Louisiana State Bar Association Sandestin Summer School for Lawyers Program, Destin, Florida, June 8, 2006.
18. ***“RECENT DEVELOPMENTS BY THE JUDICIARY”***, presented to the North Louisiana Judiciary Seminar, Shreveport, Louisiana. October 12-13, 2006.