

JAMES H. GILBERT
Statement of Qualifications

President of Gilbert Mediation Center, Ltd., a full service mediation and arbitration practice and has associated with eleven other mediators and arbitrators in the practice. Also President of the James H. Gilbert Law Group, P.L.L.C. engaged in alternate dispute resolution, consulting, general, and corporate and real estate practice, including appellate, complex and commercial litigation and negotiations, and employment law.

Education: University of Minnesota, B.A. in political science and a minor in economics in 1969 and received a Jurist Doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1972. Advanced studies in appellate writing, New York University School of Law 1998.

- Mediated hundreds of complex cases including Employment, Shareholder, Partner Disputes, Insurance Coverage Issues, Products Liability, Real Estate, Contract, Environmental and Business Torts, Appellate, Class Actions, Claw Back Claims, Municipal Disputes, Asbestos.
- Licensed to Practice Law in Minnesota, U.S. District Court MN, Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, U.S. Supreme Court.
- From January 28, 1998 to August 9, 2004 was an Associate Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court.
- Engaged in the private practice of law for over 25 years with Meshbesh and Spence, Ltd., and was the past CEO and managing partner of the law firm.
- MSBA Certified Civil Trial Specialist (1997-2004);
- Licensed to practice in the States of Minnesota (1972) and Wisconsin (1984- 2010), the U.S. Supreme Court (1984), 8th & 10th Circuit Court of Appeals, and the U.S. District Courts of Minnesota and Arizona;
- Minnesota State Bar Association Certified Civil Arbitrator (2008);
- Qualified Neutral under Rule 114, Minnesota General Rules of Practice;
- Member 1991 and chair 1992-1997, Judicial Merit Selection Commission for State of Minnesota. Participated in the appointment process for over 90 judges with Governor Arne Carlson;
- Member of the Minnesota D.A.R.E., Inc. board of directors (1998-2007);
- Chair of the Standing Committee for Administration of No-Fault Arbitration (2004-2008);

- Awarded the Distinguished Jurist Award by the Academy of Certified Trial Lawyers of Minnesota (2004)
- Frequent lecturer at Continuing Legal Education seminars on appellate practice, alternative dispute resolution, mediation and reform of the judicial system;
- MSBA Member
- Past Supreme Court Committee Assignments: Liaison to the ADR Review Board; Standing Committee for ADM of No-Fault Arbitration; Supreme Court Chemical Health Initiative; Low Cost Litigation and Early Judicial Intervention in Family Law; Chair General Rules of Practice.
- Hearing Chair, Minnesota News Council, 2004 to 2011.
- John Marshall School of Law, International Moot Court Competition involving intellectual property law, Chicago, Illinois, 2002 to present.
- Committee Member, External Oversight Committee, Hennepin County's Accelerating Graduation by Reducing Achievement Disparities, 2010 to 2011.