



JEFFRY S. ABRAMS

Attorney-Mediator

Jeffrey S. Abrams has served as a full-time mediator since 1993 and has conducted approximately 8,000 mediations involving commercial, construction, employment, personal injury, insurance, maritime, professional liability, real estate, probate, governmental, international, and other complex civil disputes.

He is recognized nationally and internationally for his contributions to the advancement of mediation and has presented extensively throughout the United States, Europe, Latin America, Asia, and Australia.

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Law Office of Jeffrey S. Abrams, Houston, Texas

– June 1984 to present: Business litigation, bankruptcy, real estate, landlord/tenant, contracts, personal injury, arbitration, mediation (full-time since 1993)

Pendergraft, Elam & Simon, Houston, Texas

– January 1983 to May 1984: Business litigation and bankruptcy

ADR TRAINING

Mediation Inc., Houston, Texas

– Litigation Mediation Training, October 1988

Attorney-Mediators Institute, Inc., Dallas, Texas

– Mediation Training, April 1991

American Arbitration Association, Houston, Texas

– Arbitrator Training, June 1993

Dispute Resolution Center, Houston, Texas

– 24-Hour Family Mediation Training, February 1991

– 18-Hour Juvenile Mediation Program Training, July 1990

– 40-Hour Community-Based Mediation Training, August 1989

Center Effective Dispute Resolution ("CEDR"), London, England

– Mediation Training, June 2002

Miscellaneous Mediation Training

– Hundreds of hours of mediation training over the last 37 years

ADR EXPERIENCE & ACTIVITIES

Since 1989, Jeff Abrams has conducted more than 8,000 mediations involving virtually every type of dispute, including commercial, construction, personal injury, employment, international, maritime and Jones Act, Title VII, ERISA, ADA, products liability, insurance coverage, medical and professional malpractice, toxic tort, securities, condemnation, oil and gas, real estate, governmental, probate, and arts and entertainment matters, among many other complex disputes.

In addition to his mediation practice, Mr. Abrams has served as a sole arbitrator, tribunal member, and party-appointed arbitrator in numerous arbitration proceedings.

Association of Attorney-Mediators, Immediate Past-President (2004/2005); President (2003/2004); President Elect, (2002/2003); Treasurer, (2000/2002); President, Houston Chapter (1999/2000); Vice President, Houston Chapter (1998/1999); Treasurer, Houston Chapter (1997/1998); Member since 1991

Houston Bar Association, Houston, Texas. Immediate Past Chair, Alternative Dispute Resolution Section (1998/1999); Chair, Alternative Dispute Resolution Section (1997/1998) Chair-Elect, Alternative Dispute Resolution Section (1996/1997); Treasurer, Alternative Dispute Resolution Section (1995/1996); Treasurer, Alternative Dispute Resolution Center Committee (1994/1995)

Center for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR), London, England Accredited Mediator

Dispute Resolution Center, Houston, Texas - 1992 DRC Volunteer of the Year; Member of Board of Directors (1991-1995); Treasurer (1994/1995); Chair, Continuing Education Committee (1991-1993); court annexed, community-based, juvenile and family mediator. Assisted in numerous trainings since 1991.

OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

- **Texas Bar Association**, Sections of Alternative Dispute Resolution and International Law Houston
- **U.S./Mexico Bar Association**, Sections of Alternative Dispute Resolution and International Law
- **Union Internationale des Avocats**
- **Texas Bar Foundation**, Fellow
- **Houston Bar Foundation**, Fellow
- **Cultural Arts Council of Houston/Harris County**, Board of Directors (previous)
- **Texas Accountants and Lawyers for the Arts**, Board of Directors (previous)
- **Houston Blues Society**, Vice President (previous)
- **Houston/Galveston Institute**, Board of Directors (previous)

EDUCATION

- **University of Houston Law Center**, Houston, Texas, L.L.M. in International Economic Law 2010
- **University of Houston Law Center**, Houston, Texas, J.D., 1982
- **University of Houston**, Mexican Legal Studies Institute, Mexico City, Mexico, 1981
 - Associate Editor, Houston Law Review, 1981-1982
- **University of Florida**, Gainesville, Florida, B.S., Business Administration, with High Honors (3rd of 185), 1978
- **Florida State University London Institute**, London, England, 1978
 - Beta Gamma Sigma Business Honor Society, Gainesville, Florida

HONORS

- Lifetime Achievement Award, Blakely Advocacy Institute, University of Houston Law Center (2025)
- Houstonia's Top Lawyers (2015–2018)
- Top Lawyers in Texas, The Legal Network (2013, 2015–2018)
- Selected to Texas Super Lawyers (2006–2009)
- Steve Brutsché Award, Association of Attorney-Mediators (2006)
- Karen Susman Volunteer of the Year Award for the Arts Mediation Program, Texas Accountants and Lawyers for the Arts (2001)
- Volunteer of the Year, Harris County Dispute Resolution Center (1992)
- American Jurisprudence Award for Academic Excellence (1979)
- Martindale-Hubbell Recognitions
 - AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rating (Highest Rating for Legal Ability and Ethical Standards)
 - Client Distinction Award
 - Top Rated Lawyer in Texas
 - America's Most Honored Professionals

PRESENTATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Jeff Abrams has presented extensively on mediation, ethics, advocacy, confidentiality, international dispute resolution, and ADR best practices throughout the United States, Europe, Latin America, Asia, and Australia.

2024

- **July 1** — *What's on Your Mind?: Mining the Minds of Mediators from Around the Globe*, World Forum of Mediation Centres, Frankfurt, Germany

2023

- Webinar: *Effective Advocacy in Mediation: Preparation, Presentation and Persistence*, Houston Bar Association, Houston, Texas (*pending confirmation whether this presentation occurred in 2022 or 2023*)

2022

- **September 17** — *What's on Your Mind?: Mining the Minds of Mediators from Around the Globe*, World Forum of Mediation Centres, Málaga, Spain
- **January 17** — Webinar: *The Evolution of Mediation in Texas and Tips for Conducting a Successful Mediation*, Hellenic Union of Mediators

2019

- Moderator: *Mediator Round Table*, Santa Fe, Argentina

2018

- **September** — XIV Congreso Mundial de Mediación y Cultura de Paz, Buenos Aires, Argentina: *"Mediación Obligatoria en Texas"* (presented in Spanish)

2017

- **January 27** — Moderator: *Mining the Minds of Mediators*, World Forum of Mediation Centres, Krakow, Poland

2016

- **April** — World Forum of Mediation Centres, Luxembourg City, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg: *"Enforcement of Mediation Settlement Agreements"*

2015

- **June** — World Forum of Mediation Centres, Krakow, Poland: *"Dealing with Mediation"* and *"Mining the Minds of Mediators"*
- **January** — Houston Bar Association Alternative Dispute Resolution Section, Houston, Texas: *"Mediator Skills Series – The Practical Aspects of Mediation Settlement Agreements"*

2014

- **September** — World Forum of Mediation Centres, Thessaloniki, Greece: Panelist, *"What More Could Governments Do to Increase the Demand for Mediation"*
- **March** — World Forum of Mediation Centres, Houston, Texas: *"Mediation Texas Style"* and *"Mining the Minds of Mediators"*

2013

- **June** — World Forum of Mediation Centres, Prague, Czech Republic: Moderator, *"Mining the Minds of Mediators"*

2012

- **June** — Houston Bar Association, Houston, Texas: *"The Vanishing Opening Session"* and Moderator of Panel Discussion
- **January** — World Forum of Mediation Centres, Lisbon, Portugal: Moderator, *Mandatory Mediation Panel*
- **January** — *"The Caucus Model: Is It Good or Evil or Is It Really Mediation?"* — developed and mediated caucus model role play

2011

- **March** — World Forum of Mediation Centres, Athens, Greece: *“How to Create a Market in Mediation”*

2009

- **October** — 53rd Congress of the Union Internationale des Avocats, Seville, Spain: Role-play on international intellectual property dispute

2008

- **September** — Guest speaker on three Spanish-language radio stations in Tlaxiaco, Oaxaca, Mexico: Interview on mediation in the United States and Mexico
- 1st Annual Statewide Meeting of Mediators, Oaxaca, Mexico: *“Mediation Around the World”* (presented in Spanish)

2007

- **November** — 51st Congress of the Union Internationale des Avocats, Paris, France: Participated in role-play on deal facilitation
- **July** — Union Internationale des Avocats, World Forum of Mediation Centres, New York, New York: Moderator, *“Breaking Barriers to Mediation: The Centres”*

2006

- **September** — Union Internationale des Avocats, World Forum of Mediation Centres, Dublin, Ireland: Moderator of International Panel, *“Breaking Barriers to Mediation”*
- **May** — University of Houston Law Center, Houston and Dallas, Texas: *“Advanced Civil Litigation”* — Attorney Ethical Considerations in Mediation
- **January** — Coach, University of Houston Law Center Championship Team, First Annual International Chamber of Commerce Advocacy in International Commercial Mediation Competition, Paris, France

2005

- **December** — Union Internationale des Avocats, World Forum of Mediation Centres, Barcelona, Spain: Panelist, *“A Model Rule on Confidentiality”* and *“Best Practices”*
- **October** — State Bar of Texas and South Texas College of Law, Houston, Texas: *“Cutting Edge Issues and Tools in ADR”* — Mediator Ethics Quiz

2004

- **November** — Lorman Education Services, Houston, Texas: *“Mediating the Legal Malpractice Case – How to Keep the Lawyers Out of It!”*
- **November** — Association of Attorney-Mediators, Austin, Texas: *Mediator Ethics Quiz – Interactive Session*
- **September** — 48th Congress of the Union Internationale des Avocats, Geneva, Switzerland: Helped formulate and conduct mediation of a complex international intellectual property dispute
- **March** — Queensland Law Society Symposium, Brisbane, Australia: Formulated and conducted mediation role play of an international commercial dispute

2003

- **September** — 47th Congress of the Union Internationale des Avocats, Lisbon, Portugal: *“Advocacy in Mediation: Representing Your Client Effectively”*
- **August** — Houston Bar Association, Houston, Texas: *“Ethics in Mediation”*

2002

- **October** — 46th Congress of the Union Internationale des Avocats, Sydney, Australia: Mock mediation of a complex international dispute

2001

- **June** — Hong Kong International Arbitration Center: *“Confidentiality and Privilege in International Commercial Mediation,” “Compulsory Mediation,”* and *“Mediator Immunity”*

- **April** — Collaboration in the Capitol, Washington, D.C., American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution Annual Conference in conjunction with the Section of International Law and Practice: *“Confidentiality and Privilege in International Commercial Mediation”*

2000

- **November** — 44th Congress of the Union Internationale des Avocats, Buenos Aires, Argentina: *“Compulsory Mediation: The Texas Experience”*