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28+ Years in Legal Profession
14+ Years in Mediation/Arbitration
Number of Cases Mediated: 1750+
Number of Cases Arbitrated: 100+
Martindale-Hubbell Rating: AV
Fellow - Texas Bar Foundation
Fellow - Houston Bar Foundation

SERVICES:

Mediation, Arbitration, Special Master, Insurance Umpire, Neutral Case Evaluation, Moderated Settlement Conferences, Corporate ADR Systems Design, Negotiation

PRACTICE AREAS:

General Civil Litigation; Commercial, Construction, Business, Banking, Contracts, Real Estate, Insurance, Engineering, Employment, Environmental and Oil & Gas/Energy Law

ALTERNATIVE

DISPUTE

estate,

RESOLUTION (ADR)

EXPERIENCE:

Experienced Mediator and Arbitrator in all types of complex civil cases. Mediated and/or arbitrated over 1750 cases, including commercial litigation, business law, construction and real

estate, environmental, personal injury, DTPA, medical/legal malpractice, labor/employment law, insurance coverage and disputes, probate and oil & gas/energy related cases. Also conducted several pre-litigation mediations and arbitrations for insurance providers. Approved Mediator and Arbitrator panelist for the American Arbitration Association (AAA), the International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR-New York), the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) (formerly NASD), and the Houston Maritime Arbitrators' Association (HMAA). Arbitrated and mediated several large, multi-party and complex commercial and construction industry cases. Formerly, approved mediator panelist for the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas. Appointed Master in Chancery by presiding judge in Harris County District Court to oversee the settlement procedures in a complex toxic tort case involving over 800 plaintiffs and multiple defendants in a pipeline explosion case in Texas.

EDUCATION:

South Texas College of Law - J.D., 1981
University of Florida - M.B.A., 1973
University of Florida - B.S.B.A. (with Honors), 1972
Louisiana State University-School of Banking, 1978

ADR TRAINING:

A.A. White Dispute Resolution Institute at the University of Houston
40 hours Basic Mediation Training - 1993
24 hours Advanced Family Law Mediation Training - 1995
American Arbitration Association (AAA)
Basic Arbitration Training, Houston - 1995
Construction Arbitration Training Workshop, Houston - 1996
Advanced Commercial Arbitration Training - Orlando, FL - 1998
Advanced Construction Arbitrator II Training - Houston - 2001
Annual Arbitrator Update - 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 & 2006
Advanced Arbitration Training - San Antonio, Texas - 2004
Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA)
(formerly National Association of Security Dealers - NASD)
Arbitration Training, Houston - 1996
Mediation Training, Houston - 1997
Chairperson Training, Houston - 1999

ADR AFFILIATIONS:

Board of Advisors - Judge Frank Evans Center for Conflict Resolution at South Texas College of Law (STCL); State Bar of Texas - ADR Section; Chairman-Elect Houston Bar Association - ADR Section; Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR) - Houston Chapter; Charter Member of Institute for Responsible Dispute Resolution at STCL; "Credentialed Distinguished" by the Texas Mediator Credentialing Association; Texas Super Lawyer - 2007.

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PUBLICATIONS:

"Mediating Construction Disputes: Perspectives from the Mediator" presented at the 2007 HBA Advising Construction Clients Institute on October 26, 2007.
"Ethics: Personal Challenges a Mediator Faces Before and During a Mediation." Panel presentation at the 2008 Annual Conference on ADR co-sponsored by the HBA-ADR Section and South Texas College of Law on May 16, 2008.
"To Have or Not to Have, Experts at Mediation" presented at the University of Texas Construction Law Seminar in Houston Texas on Sept. 7-8, 2006.
"Mediation/Arbitration: Something Old, Something New, And Something You Can Use" presented at the Collections & Creditors' Rights - 2004 State Bar of Texas CLE Seminar in Houston on May 21, 2004. Co-Author: Jack Scheske.