

## **Jon Austen: Curriculum Vitae**

### **Austen & Gowder, LLC**

Jon Austen works as a full time provider of alternate dispute resolution services. Jon has worked as a mediator since 1996 and has mediated and arbitrated more than 2000 cases. Jon's thirty years of experience as a litigator and positive reputation with local attorneys has enabled him to obtain an excellent record for settlements.

### **Dispute Resolution Experience**

- Mediation of state and federal cases involving negligence claims, insurance disputes, construction litigation, employment claims, breach of contract matters and other civil litigation
- Arbitrator and court appointed special referee in civil disputes
- Summary jury trial judge in litigation under the South Carolina fast track jury trial system

### **Professional History**

- Member of Austen & Gowder, LLC starting in December 2016
- Shareholder, Pratt-Thomas Walker, P.A. 1986-2016. He worked as an insurance defense attorney and tried many cases early in his career. Jon currently focuses his practice in alternative dispute resolution.

### **Education**

- Wake Forest University School of Law, J.D. 1986
- Ohio State University, B.A. Political Science 1983

### **Special honors**

- American Board of Trial Advocates Associate, 2005- present
- Martindale Hubbell rated AV
- SC Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission assisting in arbitrator and mediator certification
- Attorney assisting SC Office of Disciplinary Counsel in investigation of complaints made against attorneys
- Best Lawyers in America in the practice of Mediation
- Super Lawyer designation in the practice of Mediation

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