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## Biographical

Certified civil court mediator and arbitrator in state and federal courts, and a certified family court mediator. Has mediated over 4,100 cases and arbitrated over 330 cases.

Presented at numerous continuing legal education seminars, the South Carolina Judicial Conference and professional association conventions in the areas of advanced mediation techniques, effective advocacy in mediation, arbitration certification, starting a mediation practice, exploring new forms of ADR, expert witnesses, guardian ad litem certification, applying computer technologies to the practice of law, equitable division of marital and business assets, and legal ethics.

Currently listed in The Best Lawyers in America and South Carolina Super Lawyers.

Martindale-Hubbell - AV Preeminent® Rating

## Education

- Juris Doctor degree in law from the University of South Carolina in December 1980.
- Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Winthrop University in 1978, graduating *summa cum laude* with general honors.

## Memberships & Affiliations

- Past President, South Carolina Bar Foundation (previously served as Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer)
- Past Chair, SC Bar Alternative Dispute Resolution Section
- Former member, South Carolina Bar House of Delegates
- Former member, Supreme Court's Joint Commission on Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Member, Association for Conflict Resolution
- Served on ACR SC Chapter Organizing Committee and its founding Board of Directors
- Past Vice Chair and board member, SC Council for Conflict Resolution
- Former Municipal Court Judge for the Town of Timmonsville
- Past President, Florence County Bar
- Previously appointed by the SC Supreme Court to serve as an Attorney to Protect Clients' Interests and Attorney to Assist Disciplinary Counsel
- More memberships and affiliations, as well as personal background, at [www.folkenslaw.com](http://www.folkenslaw.com)