

# **Professional Mediation Practice**

Following years of civil and business litigation experience, Mr. Higgins' law practice shifted focus in 2003 to serving as a full-time mediator to help attorneys and their clients resolve high stakes civil and business litigation cases efficiently in a private mediation forum. Mr. Higgins has mediated more than 3,000 diverse cases/disputes, many of which involved numerous parties and complex legal claims.

## **Professional Mediator Services**

A full-time mediator since 2003, Mr. Higgins has a wealth of experience in mediating to final settlement a wide array of civil litigation matters, including:

- Contract Disputes
- Commercial/Business Disputes
- Bodily/Personal Injury Litigation
- Business Torts
- Real Estate Disputes
- Construction Disputes
- Employment Disputes
- Partner/Shareholder Disputes
- Premises Liability Disputes
- Landlord Tenant Disputes
- Co-Tenant Disputes
- Condemnation Matters
- Oil & Gas Disputes

Mr. Higgins serves as a private mediator for attorneys, litigants and courts throughout the State of Texas, and has been appointed by courts as a special master in civil litigation cases.

### **Mediator Training**

Mr. Higgins was certified in 2003 as having completed all mediator training required by Chapter 154 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code. He has also completed advanced mediator training through Texas Tech School of Law, the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution, Texas Wesleyan University School of Law, and the Association of Attorney-Mediators.

#### **Professional Recognition**

Mr. Higgins has consistently been recognized by his peers as one of Tarrant County's top mediators, including recognition by Fort Worth Magazine every year since 2003, by Fort Worth, Inc. magazine, by Attorney At Law magazine, and by 360 West magazine.

Formerly a business litigation partner with a regional law firm, Mr. Higgins was recognized as one of Tarrant County's top business/commercial litigators before shifting focus to serve exclusively as a private mediator for civil disputes and litigation matters.

#### Memberships

Mr. Higgins is a Member of the State Bar of Texas, the Tarrant County Bar Association, the Association of Attorney-Mediators, and formerly served in the Eldon B. Mahon Inn of Court.

### Education

Mr. Higgins obtained a B.B.A. degree from Texas Christian University in 1985. He attended Texas Tech School of Law where he received his law degree after graduating with honors in 1992.

#### Family

He and his wife Cindi have three adult children, Shannon, Brooke and Dalton; two sons-inlaw (Jonny and Jordan) and one daughter-in-law (Abby); and currently three (3) grandchildren (Blair, Jack and Harley).