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**EDUCATION:** The University of Texas School of Law: Doctor of Jurisprudence, 1973 The University of Texas at Austin: Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, 1970

**DISPUTE RESOLUTION TRAINING:** American Academy of Attorney Mediators: 40 hour training

Dispute Resolution Center of Travis County: 40 hour training

A.A. White Institute: 24 hour family mediation training

American Arbitration Association: Commercial Arbitration Training; Arbitrator II training

Pepperdine University Law School: Negotiation and Settlement Advocacy for Lawyers Center for Public Policy Dispute Resolution, University of Texas School of Law: Fellows Training

Bill Potapchuk: Public Policy Dispute Resolution Training

**PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:** Michael J. Schless, P.C., practice limited to ADR since 1994

Fleckman & Schless: partner, practice limited to ADR and civil litigation, 1993-1994 Fleckman, Johnson & Passman: of counsel, practice limited to ADR and civil litigation, 1992-1993

County Court at Law, No. 3, Travis County: Judge, 1982-1992; Local Administrative Judge 1989-1992

Michael J. Schless, Attorney at Law: solo practitioner, 1979-1982 Friday & Kazen: Associate attorney, 1973-1979

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**: Association of Attorney- Mediators: President 2010-2011; President-elect 2009-2010; Treasurer 2008-2009; Member, 1996-present Texas Mediator Credentialing Association: AA-M representative on Board of Directors, 2004-present; Vice-Chair 2010

State Bar of Texas: ADR Section: Immediate Past Chair, 2004-2005; Chair, 2003-2004; Chair-elect, 2002-2003; Treasurer, 2000-2002; Council Member, 1999-2005; Member, 1992-present

Judicial Section: Member, 1982-1992

Texas Bar Foundation: Life Fellow

Texas Association of Mediators: President, 1995-1996; Board of Directors, 1993-1997; Member, 1993-present

International Academy of Mediators: Fellow, 2004-present

Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Court-Annexed Mediation: Member, 1996-2005 Center for Public Policy Dispute Resolution, University of Texas School of Law: Fellow, 1994-present American Arbitration Association: Member of the Panel of Neutrals, 1995-present Dalkon Shield Arbitration Program: Member of the Panel of Arbitrators, 1992-2003 Assn. for Conflict Resolution (formerly Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution): Member, 1992-present

Travis County Bar Association: ADR Section: Founding Co-chair, 1992-1993; Member, 1993-present

ADR and Settlement Week Committees: Member, 1988-1992 Board of Directors: Member, 1979-1982

Austin Young Lawyers Association: President, 1979-1980; Board of Directors, 1975-1981; Life Fellow

Austin Lawyers Care: Charter Member of the Board of Directors, 1981-1987

ACCREDITATIONS: Licensed to practice law in Texas: 1973-present

Admitted to practice law in the United States District Court, Western District of Texas: 1975-present

Member of the College of the State Bar of Texas: 1988-present

Texas Mediator Credentialing Association Credentialed Distinguished Mediator: 2004present

Board Certified, Criminal Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization: 1978-1983 Board Certified, Family Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization: 1979-1984

**TEACHING AND SPEAKING:** University of St. Gallen, St. Gallen, Switzerland:

Lecturer on mediation in Executive Masters of Business Law Program University of Human Science, Liechtenstein: Lecturer on mediation in Executive Master in Mediation program

University of Texas School of Law, State Bar of Texas, Travis County Bar Association: Speaker, judge in mock trial, trial advocacy, mediation, arbitration, negotiation Center for Public Policy Dispute Resolution: Facilitator

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Texas Department of Criminal Justice: Victim Offender Mediation Dialogue Mediator, 1996-2002

Dispute Resolution Center of Travis County: Volunteer Mediator, 1992-present American Youth Works (formerly American Institute for Learning): Emeritus Board, 1994-present

Chairman, Board of Directors, 1989-1991; Board of Directors, 1989-1994 Austin Child Guidance Center: Emeritus Board, 1984-present

President, Board of Directors, 1981-1983; Board of Directors, 1979-1984

**AWARDS:** Named a "Texas Super Lawyer" in ADR, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, and 2010 by Texas Monthly Magazine

Justice Frank G. Evans Award, 2006, State Bar of Texas ADR Section

Susanne C. Adams Award, 2003 Texas Association of Mediators

Outstanding Young Lawyer of Travis County, 1982 Austin Young Lawyers Association