

**NAME: G. MICHAEL SMITH**

**EDUCATION:** St. Peter's College, NJ, (BS) 1971; University College Dublin, Ireland (Honors Program) 1969; John Marshall Law School (JD) 1975.

**BAR ADMISSION:** 1975

**EMPLOYMENT :** Mr. Smith is a partner in the law firm of Dean, Smith & Therrell, P.A. , since 1980. Address, 2340 Perimeter Park Drive, Suite 201, Atlanta, Georgia 30341, (770)-458-9834, 404-232-9743 Cell, e-mail [GMAMS@aol.com](mailto:GMAMS@aol.com).

**AREAS OF EXPERIENCE:** Commercial Contracts, Construction, Corporate, Health Care, Personal Injury, Medical Liability/Malpractice, Business Law and Transactions, Probate, Entertainment, Real Estate.

**ADR Experience:**

**Arbitration:** Mr. Smith has been a member of AAA commercial panel of arbitrators since 1978 in the area of business dispute. Additionally he handles both private and court annexed arbitrations. AAA Lemon Law panel member.

**Mediation:** Received initial mediation training with Hon. Jack P. Etheridge and Abe Ordovery. Over the past 18 years, Mr. Smith has completed over 250 hours of additional training including probate estate matters. He has mediated approximately 1800 cases. Certified as case evaluator since 1998 and has handled many case evaluations since that time.

**Professional Experience:**

Mr. Smith is primarily engaged in business and corporate legal matters, and personal injury work. With regard to the personal injury work, he is engaged primarily in plaintiff's work. However, for the last 15 years he has provided defense work for Industrial Fire and Casualty Insurance Company, (now Oak Insurance Co.), and has on two occasions, represented Lloyds of London in wrongful death actions. He is versed in both plaintiff and defense personal injury matters. In his business and corporate work he acts a general counsel for a small publicly traded chemical/pharmaceutical company. He works with several companies which own intellectual properties and assists in contracting the patent licensing of the IP. He has represented numerous franchisees such as Burger King, Wendys, Checkers, Days Inns, Econo-Lube & Tune, Church's Chicken, FasTracKids, E.Nopi Learning Centers. He represents manufacturers, manufacturer's representatives, various retailer automotive shops and dealers and has worked on various business acquisitions and mergers, developments, and real estate matters. He has hands on experience in business transactions and traveled to Cayman Islands, B.W.I., Barbados, Turks and Caicos Islands, Jamaica, Pakistan, Korea, England, Belgium, France, Australia, Taiwan; negotiating transactions in these countries for his clients. In the Health Care area he was corporate counsel and assistant administrator to the Med - Plus medical clinic group in Atlanta. He has represented doctors, psychologists and physician assistants before the Georgia Medical Board. He has represented Home Health Care Provider in obtaining licensing permits outside the Atlanta area. Mr. Smith has participated in Medicaid hearings and appeals for medical professionals.

**Articles:**

The Well Adjusted Mediation - Working with Insurance Carriers In ADR  
Published in ICLE November, 2003, Pub. No. 035555

Insurance Adjusters in the Mediation Process, July 2004

**Other:** Judge, for 2006 National Law Schools Representation in Mediation Competition