

# NEAL W. DICKERT

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## PRESENT EMPLOYMENT

### Dickert Mediation

July 2020 - Present

Practice limited to alternative dispute resolution, primarily arbitration, and mediation.

## PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

### Hull, Barrett P.C.

January 2008 - June 2020

Practiced general civil litigation, alternative dispute resolution, to include arbitration and mediation.

### Judge of Superior Court, Augusta Judicial Circuit

January 1997 - November 2007

Presided over civil, criminal, and domestic cases, to include over 100 jury trials, in three-county circuit. Also participated with the Georgia Supreme Court in the case of *Mead v. Sheffield*, 278 Ga. 268 (2004).

### Hull Towill Norman & Barrett, P.C.

August 1974 - December 1996

Practice concentrated in areas such as product liability, personal injury, commercial and construction litigation. Tried numerous jury and non-jury trials involving product liability, workers' compensation, F.E.L.A., construction litigation, personal injury negligence, NASD arbitration, contract disputes, and ERISA in the State and Federal courts of Georgia and South Carolina.

## BAR ADMISSIONS

South Carolina Bar (1974); Georgia Bar (1975)

United District Court for the District of South Carolina and for the Southern, Middle, and Northern Districts of Georgia  
Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals

## MILITARY SERVICE

1st Lieutenant, United States Army Medical Service Corps (1969-71)

Served as Assistant S-4 for Medical Group Headquarters in Vietnam from July 1970 until July 1971

Received Bronze Star and Vietnam Service Medal

## EDUCATION

J.D., University of South Carolina, 1974

Member of the South Carolina Law Review

Member of Wig and Robe Scholastic Honorary Society

M.B.A., University of South Carolina, 1969

B.A. in Economics, Wofford College, 1968

## AWARDS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

President, Augusta Bar Foundation (2014 - 2016)

President, Tuttle Newton Home (2015 - 2017)

Board of Directors for the Augusta Partnership for Children (2015 - )

Disciplinary Board of the Episcopal Diocese of Georgia (2015 - )

Chairman, Board of Trustees, Institute of Continuing Judicial Education for the State of Georgia (2005 - 2007)

Board of Governors, Georgia Bar Association (1986 - 1998)

Justice Robert Benham award for Lifetime Achievement for Community Service - State Bar of Georgia (2017)

President of Augusta Rotary Club (1991 - 1992)

President of Wofford College Alumni Association (1996 - 1997)

Alumni Representative to Wofford College Board of Trustees (1996)

Board of Directors of the University of South Carolina Law School Association (1992 - 1998)

## PUBLICATIONS AND SEMINARS

Author of "From the Bar to the Bench," *Georgia Bar Journal*, June, 1999 • Published "Opening Statement" in *Verdict* magazine (Georgia Trial Lawyers' Association) in Fall, 2001 • Author of *Georgia Handbook on Foundations and Objections*, Thomson-Reuters, 2003, updated annually • Published "Avoiding Judicial Arrogance: a Personal Essay," *Judges' Journal*, Winter, 2005, and "Reflections of a Former Trial Judge; Looking Through the Rearview Mirror," *Judges' Journal*, Spring, 2017 • Also lectured throughout the Southeast at numerous continuing legal education seminars on subjects such as insurance coverage, construction law, domestic relations, trial practice, evidence, trial advocacy, consumer litigation, alternative dispute resolution, and ethics • Graduate of National Judicial College General Jurisdiction Course (1998) and served as group facilitator and moderator at the NJC's General Jurisdiction Course in April, 2002.

## MEDIATION EXPERIENCE

Trained as mediator in 40-hour course sponsored by Dispute Management in 1994 • Successfully completed over 500 mediations in areas of personal injury, medical malpractice, consumer litigation, construction litigation, products liability, toxic torts, commercial disputes, contract litigation, domestic disputes, and business dissolution disputes • Registered as a mediator and arbitrator with Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution and certified as Circuit Court Mediator in South Carolina • Member of the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals and the Georgia Academy of Arbitration and Mediation • Listed in *Best Lawyers in America* (Mediation and Appellate Practice) since 2012, Lawyer of the Year in Mediation 2018.