



# PAUL FINN

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## Summary

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Have mediated over 10,000 claims since February 1992 including the Archdiocese of Boston cleric sexual abuse claims; Diocese of Providence cleric sexual abuse claims; Diocese of Springfield, MA cleric sexual abuse claims; Diocese of Harrisburg, PA sexual abuse claims; Diocese of Greensburg cleric sexual abuse claims; Archdiocese of Milwaukee, WI cleric sexual abuse claims; Diocese of Jackson, MS cleric sexual abuse claims; Boy Scouts of America sexual abuse claims; Horace Mann School, Bronx, NY sexual abuse claims; Pingry School, NJ sexual abuse claims; St. George's School, Middletown RI sexual abuse claims; Kamehameha School, Honolulu, Hawaii sexual abuse claims; Station Fire Cranston, RI personal injury claims (appointed by the US District Court as the 468(A) distribution trustee); The Big Dig Tunnel Collapse, Boston, MA; as well as numerous multi-party construction site claims, medical malpractice claims; legal malpractice claims and insurance coverage claims.

## Skills

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- Dispute Management
- Conflict Mediation
- Document Preparation
- Interviewing Abilities
- Customer Service
- Legal Expertise
- Problem Resolution
- Critical Thinking
- Conflict Resolution

## Experience

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Commonwealth Mediation & Conciliation, Inc | Brockton, MA  
**Mediator**  
02/1992 - Current

- Employed proven conflict-resolution methods to alleviate grievances between parties.
- Negotiated settlements and agreements between parties by providing mutual support and driving resolutions.
- Assessed conflicts by analyzing all aspects and sides of situations with impartial viewpoint and consideration of applicable laws.
- Devised innovative and targeted solutions for each case to achieve mutually satisfactory resolutions.
- Utilized proven methods of dispute resolution by fostering understanding of opposing party's perspective.
- Authored settlement agreement documents containing resolutions and obtained signatures from both parties to finalize agreements.
- Educated disputants on laws, regulations and procedures applying to cases and potential legal roadblocks for proposed solutions.
- Determined extent of liability by reviewing evidence, laws and administrative or judicial precedents.
- Worked closely with team members to deliver project requirements, develop solutions and meet deadlines.

Berks & Finn | Brockton, MA  
**Partner**  
04/1978 - 01/1992

- Partner in a small five attorney law firm in a general practice of law environment
- Represented clients in the District Courts, Superior Courts, the Probate Courts, and the Appeal Court throughout the Commonwealth of

Massachusetts

- Admitted to the Massachusetts Bar January 1977
- Admitted to the Federal District Court Bar in Massachusetts April 1977
- Admitted to the United States Supreme Court May 1988

## Education and Training

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Harvard University | Cambridge, MA  
**Master of Arts** in Extension Study in Government  
03/1990

New England Law/Boston | Boston, MA  
**J.D.**  
06/1976

Stonehill College | North Easton, MA  
**Bachelor of Arts** in History  
06/1971

## Accomplishments

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- Named Super Lawyer 2014-present
- Co-Author of Volume 47 Massachusetts Practice Series, *Mediation and Arbitration*
- Named one of the Lawyers of the Year by Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly 2003
- The American Society of Legal Writers 2014-present
- National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals 2013-present
- Massachusetts Bar Association
- Plymouth County Bar Association
- Numerous speaking engagements at CLE seminars in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, George, Pennsylvania, and Texas

## Activities and Honors

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- Board of Trustees Bridgewater State College 1996
- Board of Trustees Stonehill College 2006-2010
- President of the Pilgrim Advocate Program 1983
- President of Thorny Lea Golf Club 1988-1990 & 1992-1994