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Attorney | Mediator

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Personal

Born: Lancaster, South Carolina, 1965

Education

University of South Carolina School of Law
Columbia, South Carolina
J.D., 1990

The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina
Charleston, South Carolina
B.A., *cum laude*, 1987

Bar Admissions & Certifications

South Carolina Bar, 1990
United States District Court, District of South Carolina, 1990
Supreme Court of South Carolina Certified Arbitrator, 1996
Supreme Court of South Carolina Certified Mediator, 2000

Employment

Richard L. Hinson, LLC, 2014 – present
Florence, South Carolina

Turner, Padgett, Graham & Laney, P.A., 1990 – 2014
Florence, South Carolina

Experience & Practice

- Extensive prior experience in civil litigation and trial practice in the state and federal courts in South Carolina
- Current practice devoted exclusively to dispute resolution
- Conducted more than 3,000 dispute resolution proceedings as mediator, arbitrator, and special referee

Professional

- Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Rating™ - AV®
- Selected by peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*© in Mediation: 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
- Recipient of *The Best Lawyers in America*© Lawyer of the Year Award for Mediation in the Columbia, SC area for 2022, based on peer reviews.
- Supreme Court of South Carolina Commission on ADR (2009 – 2015)
- South Carolina Bar Dispute Resolution Section Council (2001 – 2003; 2014 – 2016)
- National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals (2012 – Present)
- South Carolina Bar Resolution of Fee Disputes Board (2008 – 2023)
- South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys Association Executive Committee (2001-05)
- Florence County Bar Association (President, 2001)

Presentations & Publications

“Using Zoom for Online Mediations - The Tips, Tricks and Traps”
South Carolina Bar, Webcast, 4/2020, 10/2020; Richland County Bar, Webcast, 12/2020

“Are You Ready to Mediate? Nuts and Bolts of Preparing for a Successful Mediation”
SCAJ Young Lawyers Seminar, Myrtle Beach, SC, 2018

“Preparing for Mediation: Practical Tips for Lawyers and Mediators”
South Carolina Bar, Columbia, SC, 2016

“How to Be an Effective Advocate in Mediation”
“An Overview of Dispute Resolution”
South Carolina Bar, Columbia, SC, 2014

“Developments, New Rules and Early Neutral Evaluation”
“Mediating Money: Managing the Realities of Traditional Bargaining”
South Carolina Bar Convention, Myrtle Beach, SC, 2013

“Four Keys to Winning in Mediation”
South Carolina Lawyers Weekly, Published 2010

“Mediation – How to Do It”
SCWCEA Annual Conference, Myrtle Beach, SC, 2007

“Ethics & ADR”
South Carolina Bar Convention, Charleston, SC, 2004

“Practical Ethical Issues in ADR”
Florence County Bar Association, Florence, SC, 2003

“ADR: An Ethical Perspective”
South Carolina Bar, Columbia, SC, 2001

“Legal Ethics”
Florence County Bar Association, Florence, SC, 2001

“Lawyer Ethics: A Daily Dilemma”
Florence County Bar Association, Florence, SC, 2000