

**STEPHEN E. GARNER, ESQ.**

**Educational background:**

West Georgia College, B.A.1979

Mercer University, J.D. 1983

**Bar Admission:**

Georgia 1983

**Legal Employment:**

Partner: Murphy & Garner, LLC 1986-present

Associate: Murphy & Murphy 1983-1986

**Professional Organizations, Positions, & Honors:**

State Bar of Georgia

Christian Legal Society

Member, American Association for Justice, f/k/a American Trial Lawyers Association  
1982-present

Member, Georgia State Board of Workers' Compensation Advisory Council,  
Legislative Subcommittee 1992-present, Chairman 1992-2008

Member, Workers' Compensation Claimants' Lawyers Section of Georgia Trial  
Lawyers 1988-present; Executive Committee Member 1988-2002; Chairman 1989.

Member, Georgia Trial Lawyers' Association 1983-present

Governor's Workers' Compensation Review Commission 2001

Governor's Workers' Compensation Advisory Commission 2002

Former member of Kids' Chance Board of Directors

Member of the following State Bar sections: Workers' Compensation, Tort & Insurance,  
ADR

Certified PeaceSowers Instructor

AV Rating in Martindale-Hubble

**Mediation Training:**

Basic Training Course: Resolution Resources 1999. Institute for Christian Conciliation, Conciliator Training Program 1999.

**Professional Experience:** Approximately 26 years experience as a trial lawyer representing plaintiffs and claimants in a variety of personal injury, wrongful death, property damage, insurance, subrogation, social security, and workers' compensation cases throughout the west Georgia and metro Atlanta areas. Has been lead counsel in approximately 450 trials and hearings during legal career. Has evaluated for settlement or trial approximately 1750 personal injury and workers' compensation cases. Participated as an attorney in mediating approximately 65 personal injury, wrongful death, and workers' compensation cases. As a mediator, has successfully mediated approximately 450 personal injury and workers' compensation cases. Founder of Peace Like A River Mediation Services. Certified as a General Mediator by the State of Georgia, and on the list of approved mediators for the court-connected ADR programs in: Bartow, Douglas, Floyd, Gordon, Haralson, Paulding, and Polk Counties. Also mediates many cases from Carroll and Cobb Counties. Frequent speaker at Continuing Legal Education seminars relating to: various topics in Workers' Compensation, including subrogation; trial practice; and mediation.