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I was born and raised in Charlotte. I am a husband, a father, an attorney, and now a full-time mediator. I am an avid cyclist. (I biked from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean, before mobile phones and GPS.) At home, I am a cook and a doorman for my cat.

I received my law degree from Wake Forest University in 1982, and was licensed to practice in NC the same year. I was admitted to practice in the United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina in 1983, and the Fourth Circuit of the United States Court of Appeals in 1984. I am a NCDRC Certified Superior Court Mediator.

I have been in private practice my entire career. For some 38 years, before becoming a full-time mediator, I practiced primarily in the field of insurance defense; defending (and resolving!) lawsuits filed across North Carolina, from Murphy in the west to Jacksonville in the east. I also defended workers' compensation claims filed with the North Carolina Industrial Commission. I have significant first-chair experience trying personal injury cases to a resolution in Superior Court, involving every kind of claim imaginable; including serious spine injuries, traumatic brain injuries, and wrongful death. I am well-versed in the application of uninsured motorist coverage and underinsured motorist coverage to injury and death claims. I understand factors that can affect the resolution of claims; including coverage disputes, and the application of various types of liens. Before I became a full-time mediator, I represented clients in countless Superior Court mediations. (In fact, I voluntarily utilized mediation as a form of alternative dispute resolution, before Court-Ordered mediation existed in North Carolina.)

My appellate experience includes arguing cases before the Full Commission, the North Carolina Court of Appeals, and the North Carolina Supreme Court