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**Mediator**

**Arbitrator**

**Special Master**

A highly experienced mediator and former judge who has demonstrated ability in settling complex, multi-party mediations, including mediations involving over 50 people. An impressive track record of 15 years as a civil and criminal litigator, 7 years as a highly rated judge in the Albuquerque Bar Association Lawyer Survey, and 10 years as a mediator.

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## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Sheehan & Sheehan, P.A., Albuquerque, New Mexico

2005 – Present

- Handled approximately 1700 mediations in the last 10 years including complex, multi-party cases;
- Super Lawyer in Alternative Dispute Resolution from 2009 to Present;
- Martindale Hubell AV preeminent rated;
- Recipient, Distinguished Alumnus Award, University of New Mexico Department of Economics;
- Recipient, Distinguished Achievement Award, University of New Mexico School of Law;
- Speaker at the ABA Alternative Dispute Resolution Conference, New York City: *From Judge to Mediator or Why did I leave a job where I could tell people what to do?*;
- Speaker at over 75 CLE's, judicial induction ceremonies and roasts;
- Founder and moderator of the Albuquerque Bar Association's most popular annual seminar: *May it Peeve the Court*;

- Chair of the Uniform Jury Instruction Committee for Civil Cases in New Mexico;
- As Chair of the Charter Review Task Force for the City of Albuquerque, led a group of civic leaders in drafting proposed changes to the City Charter, all of which were passed by the voters;
- From 2007-2009, Managing Attorney of well-regarded 14 lawyer law firm.

#### District Court Judge, Albuquerque, New Mexico

1997 – 2005

- Appointed by the Governor and subsequently elected two times to the highest level trial court in New Mexico;
- Presided over complex civil cases including class action lawsuits, toxic torts, commercial litigation, financial disputes;
- Recipient, Outstanding Judge of the Year, Albuquerque Bar Association;
- Recipient, Power and Caring Award, Women’s Bar Association;
- Highest rated judge in both State and Federal Court as determined by the Albuquerque Bar Survey of lawyers;
- *Gallegos v. Pueblo of Tesuque*, 2002-NMSC-012, sitting by designation by the New Mexico Supreme Court;
- Chair, Judicial Education Committee, which developed, designed and organized the annual Judicial Education Seminar for all state judges in New Mexico.

#### Other Relevant Professional Experience

- Civil and criminal litigator who tried both criminal and civil cases including cases involving first degree murder cases and other serious cases;
- Appeared in all New Mexico Appellate Courts as well as the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit. Member of the Bar of the US Supreme Court;
- Associate Professor of Law, Ohio Northern University School of Law, Torts, Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure;
- Adjunct Professor of Trial Practice, University of New Mexico;

- NITA instructor in Trial Practice and Depositions;
  - Dispute Resolution Training: Mediating the Litigated Case, Strauss Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University, 2004 and Advanced Mediation Training, 2006.
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## **EDUCATION**

Juris Doctorate, Order of the Coif

University of New Mexico, 1982

BA, Economics, Magna Cum Laude

University of New Mexico/McGill University