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Mediator Arbitrator Special Master Neutral Evaluations Trial Preparation

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 Bar Association Lawyer Survey, and 15 years as a mediator. Judge York also assists attorneys in trial preparation, including performing mock examination of critical witnesses, critiquing opening and closing arguments and brainstorming the theory of the case.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

York Mediations, Albuquerque, New Mexico

January 1, 2020 – Present

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

January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2019

- Handled approximately 2400 mediations in the last 15 years including complex, multi-party cases;
- Super Lawyer in Alternative Dispute Resolution from 2009 to Present;
- Martindale Hubbell 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;
- Recipient, Henrietta Pettijohn Award, New Mexico Women's Bar for advancing the causes of women in the legal profession;

- 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 Trucking Industry Defense Association Annual Seminar, Baltimore, Maryland, *Mediator Confidential*;
- Speaker at over 80 Legal Education Seminars, judicial induction ceremonies and roasts;
- Founder and moderator of the Albuquerque Bar Association's most popular annual seminar: *May it Peeve the Court*;
- Instructor at the New Mexico Criminal Defense Lawyers Association Trial Skills College;
- Chair of the Uniform Jury Instruction Committee for Civil Cases in New Mexico;
- Supreme Court Appointee to Chair the Adult Guardianship Study Commission to study the operation and structure of the adult guardianship system in New Mexico and make recommendations to the courts, the legislature and the governor to improve the system.
- Chair of the Charter Review Task Force for the City of Albuquerque, a group of civic leaders charged with proposing 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 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 first degree murder cases and other serious cases;
- Appeared in all New Mexico Appellate Courts as well as the 10th 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;
- National Institute of Trial Advocacy 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;

EDUCATION

Juris Doctorate, Order of the Coif

University of New Mexico, 1982

BA, Economics, Magna Cum Laude

University of New Mexico/McGill University