# GENERAL MEDIATORS

## JANNA D. AKINS, ESQ. 706-745-0032

- **Areas of Experience**: Wills, Trusts, Estate and Probate law, Municipal/Government Law, Real Estate: Business Disputes, Landlord/Tenant, General Civil Litigation, Contracts.
- **Professional Experience:** Mrs. Akins was previously employed by the Central Intelligence Agency, where she developed an interest in legal issues arising from contact negotiations and disputes. She returned to Georgia to pursue her legal education and has been in private practice since 2004. She maintains a general practice of law with major practice areas being: Civil Litigation, Probate Litigation, and Municipal Law. She is a member of the American Bar Association, State Bar of Georgia, and Enotah Bar Association.
- **Education:** Emory University School of Law, Juris Doctorate, 2004. Strayer University M.B.A, 2001. Georgia Institute of Technology, Bachelor of Science in Business Management, Minors in Finance and History, 1999.
- **ADR Fees:** $300.00 per hour (2 hour minimum)
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## CINDIE J. ALTER, ESQ. 770-757-6616

- **Areas of Experience:** Family Law/General Practice of Law.
- **ADR Experience:** Registered as a mediator in Civil and Domestic cases on March 30, 2006 and as an Arbitrator on January 27, 2007. Also registered in Domestic Violence, Juvenile Delinquency and Juvenile Dependency.
- **Professional Experience:** 1978 to 1989: in the private practice of law with Ray Gary Sr., in Mableton, with extensive experience in domestic relations matters and juvenile law including divorce, contempt, modification, adoption, and deprivation proceedings. The practice also included criminal law, bankruptcy, personal injury matters and social security disability as well as assisting clients with simple wills and probate matters. 2001 to 2009: Staff Attorney for the Hon. Kenneth O. Nix, in the Superior Court of Cobb County which involved participation in all aspects of domestic relations cases including research, pre-trial conferences, and judicial interviews with minor children, trials, judicially hosted mediations and drafting orders. 2009 to 2010: associate attorney with the law firm of Belli, Weil, Grozbean & Davis engaged in the general practice of law, including domestic relations, criminal cases, personal injury, business litigation and appellate practice. April 2010 to July 2014: Senior associate attorney with the law firm of Baskin & Baskin, PC Specializing in family law. July 2014 to present, Greenbaum Alter Law Inc. focusing exclusively on mediation and arbitration.
- **Education:** BA Ohio State University, Summa Cum Laude 1975, JD Emory University School of Law 1978, admitted to practice in Georgia and Ohio in 1978.

- **ADR Fees:** $250.00 per hour, 2 hour minimum. Accepts, cash, checks, credit cards, Venmo and Zelle. $500.00 no show fee, 2 hour, $500.00, cancellation fee for cancellations with less than 7 business days' notice.

PAMELA (PAM) ANDERSON 770-888-7150

- **Areas of Experience:** Divorce, custody, parenting time, contempt, modification, legitimation, same sex cases, domestic violence, probate, business dissolution, workplace mediation, and landlord tenant.
- **Professional Experience:** Mediated several thousand cases since 1998. Mediation trainer since 2001; Founder of Resolve to Solve, Inc. in 2001. Registered with Georgia's Office for Dispute Resolution, Adjunct Professor at Lanier Technical College in Human Relations and Leadership, Adjunct Professor at Kennesaw State University in Conflict Resolution Masters Program, Parent Coordinator and Divorce Coach since 2005. Pam is on the rosters in Cobb, Cherokee, DeKalb and mediates in Gwinnett, Forsyth, Hall and throughout the 9th District as well.
- **Education:** BS Poli Sci Kennesaw State, Magna Cum Laude 1998. Masters in Human Resource Management, Keller School of Management, with Distinction, 2005.
- **ADR Fees:** $325 per hour, 2 hour minimum. $600 charged to cancelling party within 48 hours. Accepts Visa, Master Card, Amex, Discover, Zelle, Venmo and Cash App.
- Ms. Anderson will continue to offer mediation on the Zoom platform.
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FERNANDO I ANDRADE 678-300-4707

- **Areas of Experience:** International Mediator specializing in Family Conflicts and abduction of Children by their Parents across the border, General Civil mediation, Domestic Relations, and Domestic Violence. Fernando is bilingual (Spanish/English). Mediates in either or both languages.
- **ADR Experience:** Fernando has been a registered mediator with the Georgia Office of Dispute and Resolutions (G.O.D.R.) since 2011. He has dedicated his whole career to advocating for the community, eliminating inequalities, peacemaking, and teaching leadership classes. Fernando was an interpreter in the judicial system for more than two decades, participating in all cases in all judicial courts. These experiences motivated him to become a mediator.
- **Professional Experience:** Fernando has been trained Internationally by MiKK in the abduction of children by their parents across borders, General Mediation, Domestic Relations, and Domestic Violence. Fernando has participated in hundreds of mediations, workers' compensation cases, personal injuries, juvenile delinquency, Landlord-tenant, and Channel 5 "Call for Action" cases. Being bilingual (English and Spanish) has made it easier for the participants to agree. As a former Chair of the Human Relations Commission of

Gwinnett County (H.R.C.), Fernando has acquired extensive experience in public service, public speaking, peacemaking, and community issues.

- **Education:** Fernando holds a Master of Science in International Conflict Management and Resolution from Kennesaw State University (K.S.U.) and a Bachelor of Science in Law and Criminal Justice Administration (Cum Laude) From Morris Brown College (H.B.C.U)
- Certified and registered in Virtual Mediation for safety and convenience.
- Certified Human Rights Consultant by the U.S. Institute of Diplomacy and Human Rights.
- **Languages:** English / Spanish, both fluently.
- **ADR Fees:** $ 300.00 per hour/minimum two hours; cancellation/no-show fees apply ($300) if notice is not received 48 hours before the scheduled mediation.
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- **Andrade and Associates Peacebuilding and Mediation Consulting**: Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram.

## DR. CLINT BACKSTROM 404-725-7819

- **Areas of Experience:** General Civil, Business and Commercial Disputes, Insurance, Personal Injury/Torts, Workers Compensation, Estate/Probate/Trusts, Domestic/Family Law/Divorce/Legitimation, Real Estate/Real Property/Condemnation, Intergovernmental or Municipal Disputes
- **Professional Experience:** Clint Backstrom brings extensive experience across both the public and private sectors, having worked with organizations ranging from small businesses to large enterprises, as well as within state government. His broad exposure to a wide range of industries has reinforced one essential truth: no matter the setting, effective and affordable conflict resolution is critical to success.
- **Education:** Doctor of Public Administration, Valdosta State University, 2025, Master of Business Administration, University of West Georgia, 2013 Bachelor of Business Administration- Accounting, University of West Georgia, 2009
- **ADR Fees:** $250 per hour (2 hour minimum), two hour cancellation fee within 48 hours
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## DAVID EUGENE BARRETT, ESQ. 706-835-6428

- **Areas of Experience:** General Civil and Domestic Relations, and Domestic Violence
- **Professional Experience:** 2012-Present: David E. Barrett, LLC. 1992-2012: Judge, Superior Court, Enotah Circuit. 1984-1992: David E. Barrett, Attorney at Law, Hiawassee, GA. 1984: Blasingame, Burch, Garrard & Bryant, PC, Athens, GA. 1980-1984: Erwin, Epting, Gibson, McLeod, & Blasingame, Athens, GA.

- **Education:** University of Georgia, School of Law, JD cum Laude, 1980. University of Georgia, BA (political science), Summa cum Laude, 1977. Kennesaw Junior College.
- **ADR Fees:** $200.00 per hour, 2 hour minimum. 24 hour cancellation notice required.
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## DYANN W. BEATY 813-230-4096

- **Areas of Certification:** General Civil, Domestic, Domestic Violence, Probate
- **Professional Experience:** Magistrate Judge 2012 to present (semi-retired). Member of the
- Florida Bar since 1990.
- **Education:** Eckerd College, St. Petersburg Florida BA Human Resources/Clinical Counseling; Stetson University College of Law, St. Petersburg, Florida Juris Doctor, 1990.
- **ADR Fees:** $225.00 per hour, 2 hour minimum. $500 cancellation fee. $500 No Show fee. Accepts: Zelle, Venmo, Credit Card with 3.5% processing fee applied
- **Mediation Locations:** In person throughout North Georgia, or via Zoom.
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## PERRY BINDER, ESQ.

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## SAIDA V. BRANDLE 678-266-2668

- **Areas of Experience:** Divorce, custody, child support, parenting time, domestic violence, contracts, real estate, personal injury, and general civil matters.
- **ADR Experience:** Saida is a certified mediator with over 10 years of experience facilitating resolution in a wide range of cases, including general civil, domestic relations, domestic violence, juvenile delinquency, deprivation, and arbitration matters. She has lived in Georgia for over 20 years and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Human Service Delivery and Administration from the University of North Georgia (UNG).
  She strongly believes in the mediation process and the empowerment it provides individuals to reach their own agreements. Helping parties find common ground and move forward with dignity and understanding is central to her work.
- **Languages:** English and Spanish
- **ADR Fees:** Rate: $250 per hour

- All fees are paid at the time of mediation and are split between the parties
- Zoom mediations require a 2-hour minimum, paid upfront 48 hours prior to mediation
- Any remaining balance is due on the day mediation is completed
- 2-hour minimum required
- 48-hour cancellation notice required, or a fee will be assessed
- Please contact Saida for a detailed list of payment options.

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PETER BRICKS, ESQ. 770-696-4577

- **Areas of Experience:** Personal Injury, Bankruptcy, General Civil Litigation
- **ADR Experience:** Peter has been a registered mediator with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolutions (GODR) since January 2022.
- **Professional Experience:** Peter has been in private practice since graduating law school in 2006. He has extensive experience in real estate, probate, and bankruptcy. Over the last decade, he has turned his focus primary to personal injury and general civil litigation. He has tried cases throughout various jurisdictions within Georgia.
- **Education:** Georgia State University, Juris Doctorate 2006. University of Texas at Austin Bachelor of Journalism, 1998.
- **ADR Fees:** $200. 00 per hour for virtual mediation(2 hour minimum). $250.00 per hour in-person mediation(2 hour minimum). $400 if canceled within 48 hours or no show. Accepts Visa, Mastercard, Amex, Discover and Zelle.
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WILLIAM F. BROGDON, ESQ. 770- 861-0171

- **Areas of Experience:** General Civil mediation, Domestic Relations, Domestic Violence, Non-Binding Arbitration.
- **ADR Fees:** $300/hr.
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SUSAN D. BROWN , ESQ. 770-534-3770

- **Areas of Experience:** Susan has practiced law in Northeast Georgia for over 35 years, with experience in Family Law, Divorce, Custody, Child Support, Parenting Time, Domestic Violence, Guardian ad Litem, Adoption, Contracts, Real Estate, Personal Injury and General Civil Litigation.
- **ADR Experience:** Susan has been a mediator for over 25 years, conducting in person, virtual and hybrid mediations. Susan is certified to mediate all types of civil and domestic cases including cases involving domestic violence. She mediates a variety of civil and domestic

privately scheduled mediations in the Mountain, Enotah, Piedmont, Appalachian and Gwinnett Judicial Circuits.

- **Professional Experience:** Susan was in private practice from 1992 to 2021, practicing in Divorce, Family Law, Adoption, Criminal Law, Probate, Juvenile Law, Guardian ad Litem and Mediation services. Susan was a Staff Attorney for the Hon. Richard W. Story in the Northeastern Judicial Circuit from 1989-1992, and Staff Attorney for Hon. Clint G. Bearden from 2021-2025, and now practices domestic relations with Coleman, Chambers, and Rogers, LLP
- **Education:** University of Georgia, School of Law, J.D., 1989. Alma College, B.A., 1986.
- **ADR Fees:** $350.00 per hour, minimum 2-hours, Law Pay, Venmo, Zelle and Firm Checks accepted, cash is accepted for in person mediation, 2-hour fee for cancellations less than 48 hours prior to session.
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## JAMESON E. CAMPBELL, ESQ. 770-539-0950

- **Areas of Experience:** Family law.
- **ADR Experience:** Registered neutral with Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution in General Civil Mediation and Domestic Relations Mediation.
- **Professional Experience:** Practiced in the area of family law throughout career, advocating in divorces, child support modifications, and child custody matters. Also served as a court appointed guardian ad litem for a number of years in juvenile courts across Georgia.
- **Education:** University of Georgia, 1999. University of Georgia School of Law, 2002
- **Languages:** English and Spanish
- **ADR Fees:** $275 per hour, with a 2-hour minimum. English/Spanish interpretation services are included in the fee. A cancellation fee of $300 applies if cancellation occurs within 48 hours. Credit cards and cash are accepted. Available after-hours and weekends
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## KAREN CARROLL 678-779-6255

- **Areas of Experience:** Over 18 years of mediation experience in the following areas: Divorce mediations, Domestic mediation involving Domestic violence, General-civil, Magistrate Court- small claims, including but not limited to: workplace disputes, landlord/tenant, contracts, construction, general and civil matters. Pre warrant mediations.
- **ADR Experience:** A trained and registered Neutral with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution since 2007. Mrs. Carroll works privately and with the Ninth Judicial District, Seventh Judicial District, Cobb and DeKalb.
- **Professional Experience:** 2007-Present: Mediator. 2007-Present: Current Professional position: Director of operations for the Georgia Psychological Association

- **Education:** University of Georgia, B.S. Psychology, 2001.
- **ADR Fees:** $ 275.00 per hour via Zoom. $300 per hour for in person. 2-hour minimum cancellation fee for cancellations with less than a 48 hour notice.
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**ANGELA HIGHSMITH CASSISE** **706-499-5285**

- **Areas of Experience:** Divorce, custody, child support, parenting time, visitation, legitimation, modification, contempt, adoption, grandparent custody, domestic violence, juvenile dependency, homeschool education, elder law, and probate matters.
- **ADR Experience:** Registered Neutral with Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution in General Mediation, Domestic Relations Mediation, Specialized Domestic Violence Mediation, Juvenile Delinquency Mediation, Juvenile Dependency Mediation, and Non-Binding Arbitration. Ms. Highsmith has mediated divorce, custody, child support, parenting time, alimony, legitimation, adoption, termination of parental rights, civil cases, will contest, and probate matters.
- **Professional Experience:** Mediator, Arbitrator, Child Welfare Law Specialist, Guardian ad Litem, Associate Special Assistant Attorney General (for Division of Family and Children Services and Division of Aging Services), Family Law Attorney, Superior Court Law Clerk, U.S. Bankruptcy Court Internship (Eastern District of Arkansas). Completed in person training & Practicum at the Center for Conflict Management School of Conflict Management, Peacebuilding, and Development (2024) at KSU.
- **Education and Publications and Presentations:** Georgia State University, B.A. History (1998); University of Arkansas School of Law, J.D. (2002); Child Welfare Law Specialist (2023); Litigating Custody of Homeschooled Children in Georgia, *The Family Review,* Winter 2017, 4-5. Ms. Highsmith has presented ICJE-approved CLE courses on child support and financial affidavits.
- **ADR Fee:** $250 per hour (divided between two parties/sides); for three or more parties, fee is $100 per party per hour. Two-hour minimum with fees paid 48 hours in advance of mediation for non-represented parties; 48-hour cancellation notice required or $500 fee applied. Accepted payments: cash, credit/debit (with 3% processing fee), or firm check (no personal checks). Travel expenses may be applied for mediations outside of the Ninth District Administrative District.
- **Mediation Platforms:** In-person, ZOOM, hybrid. Ms. Highsmith can schedule virtual mediations and provide links to all parties.
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ROBERT (ROB) W. CHAMBERS, III, ESQ. 770-534-3770

- **Areas of Experience:** Construction, personal injury, contracts, real property, small business representation, and collection.

- **ADR Experience:** A practicing attorney licensed in the State of Georgia, Mr. Chambers has participated in the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) process since 1997. He is a registered Neutral with the State of Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution for business, civil and general mediations. He was a former State Court Judge in Hall County, Georgia.
- **Professional Experience:** 1996-Present: Coleman & Chambers, LLP Gainesville, GA. Partner Mr. Chambers' litigation practice concentration was on construction, personal injury, business disputes, condemnation, contracts, real property, collections and municipal law. 1999-2004: State Court Judge Hall County (Associate/Part-time Judge). Civil and criminal motions (over 150 trials bench and jury). Numerous Domestic bench trails and criminal plea days by appointment for Superior Court Judges. 1996: Hunt, Coleman, Vaughan & Chambers, PA, Gainesville, GA. Partner, focus on construction disputes, contract disputes, real property and general business representation. 1993-1996: Whelchel, Dunlap & Gignilliat, Gainesville, GA, Associate real property law, commercial and business representation. 1990-1993: Assistant District Attorney, Northeastern Judicial Circuit, Felony trial term for Hall, Dawson, Lumpkin and White Counties.
- **Education:** Gainesville Junior College, 1984. Mercer University, B.A. 1987. Mercer University, Walter F. George School of Law, J.D., 1989.
- **ADR Fees:** $400.00 per hour, 2 hour minimum with a 48 hour cancellation term. $100.00 per hour/per party if three or more parties are involved.
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CHRIS CHAPPELL, ESQ. 678-749-4013

- **Areas of Experience:** Family Law (divorce, custody, child support); Contracts (breach, damages, formation); Landlord/Tenant; Construction Law; Business Law; Wills and Estates.
- **ADR Experience:** Began mediating cases part time starting in 2005 and full time since 2013. Has mediated various General/Civil Cases and Domestic cases. Mediation experience includes Magistrate, Superior, and Appeals court mediations. Excels at tailoring and adapting methods and techniques towards each unique mediation session and each party's needs.
- **Professional Experience:** Began Law practice with a focus on Family, Business, and Real Estate Law. Has been a practicing attorney for 12 years.
- **Education:** J.D. Mississippi College School of Law (2011). B.S. Kennesaw State University, Political Science with a minor in Alternative Dispute Resolution (2005). General Civil Training in mediation (2005 and 2013). Divorce and Family Mediation Training (2014). Specialized Issues in Domestic Violence (2017).
- **ADR Fees:** $250.00 per hour; $500.00 cancellation fee if less than 24-hour notice. Accepts Cash, Check, Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover Card. Available nights and weekends.
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## MICHAEL A. CHASTAIN 706-300-1581

- **Areas of Experience:** Family Law (divorce, custody, child support); Probate Law; Wills and Estates, Contracts (breach, damages, formation); Landlord/Tenant; Construction Law; Business Law.
- **ADR Experience:** Registered as a Neutral with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution for General Civil as well as Domestic Law Mediation.
- **Professional Experience:** Probate Court Judge January 2001- Present, Magistrate Court Judge 2012- Present
- **Education:** Associate degree Business Administration, B.S. Criminal Justice, MPA Columbus State University.
- **ADR Fees:** $175.00 per party per hour with 3-hour minimum; $500.00 cancellation fee if less than 3 business day notice.
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## ANN S. CLANTON 770-633-2597

- **Areas of Experience:** Domestic, Commercial-business to business, construction, employment, and discrimination.
- **ADR Experience:** Registered as a mediator-neutral with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution. Ms. Clanton has been mediating cases since 1978. She is a member of the Panel of Neutrals with Henning Mediation & Arbitration Services, Inc., Atlanta. President of the Georgia Council for Dispute Resolution, 40 hours training for certification, Atlanta Justice Center, 40 hours Domestic Training, Betty Manly.
- **Professional Experience:** 1984-1988: President, Legal Ease, Inc. Atlanta, Ga. 1988-1993: Vice President, MLQ Attorney Services, Inc., Atlanta, GA. 1993-1998: Vice President, DeopNet, Inc., Atlanta, GA. 1998-Present: President, eNeutral, Inc. a subsidiary of Henning Mediation & Arbitration Services, Inc. Atlanta, GA, Videoconference Dispute Resolution.
- **Education:** Samford University, Graduate Studies. NC State University, Graduate Studies.
- **ADR Fees:** $100 per party per hour, 2 hour minimum.

## HERMAN CLARK, ESQ. 706-273-4059 AND 706-635-1010

- **Areas of Experience:** Extensive experience in: Environmental Law; Zoning and Land use planning law; corporate law; business law; governmental law; insurance law; personal law; domestic law; construction, engineering and property law; litigation.
- **ADR Experience:** Mediator in the North Georgia area since the early 1990's, State Certified Mediator and Early Intervention Neutral, Certified Arbitrator with AAA for over 40 years (Construction Arbitration Panel).

- **Professional Experience:** 1989- Present: Practicing Attorney. 1980-1989: General Counsel (Engineering Firm). 1979-1980: Senior Contract Administrator. 1972-1979: Chief Director Construction, Specifications and Engineering.
- **Education:** U.S. Air Force Education includes Contract Administration, Government Contract and Civil Law. Military: Justice Air Command and Staff College; Air War College. Brenau University, B.S. in Professional Studies, 2 years Civil Engineering Undergraduate work. Woodrow Wilson College of Law, J.D. Cum Laude, 1978.
- **ADR Fees:** $300.00 per hour, 2 hour minimum. $75.00 per hour travel charge for matters outside the Appalachian Judicial Circuit and a $300.00 cancelation fee for cancellations within 48 business hours
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SALLIE CLARK 706-354-6702

- **Areas of Experience:** Domestic relations including divorce and child support, landlord/tenant, neighbor, and workplace disputes. Pre-warrant mediation including dispossessory and criminal mediations.
- **ADR Experience:** Certified mediator for general civil and domestic relations cases. Training through Henning Mediation and Arbitration Services, Inc.
- **Professional Experience:** 1989-2014. Sr. United States Probation Officer, Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta and Gainesville Divisions.
- **Education:** University of West Georgia, B.S., 1985
- **ADR Fees:** $175 per hour, two hours minimum 48-hour cancellation notice required.
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JOHN (BOB) R. COLEMAN, JR., ESQ. 770-534-3770

- **Areas of Experience:** Divorce, Custody, Family Law, Probate, Contracts, Personal Injury, Business Disputes, Collection and Construction.
- **ADR Experience:** John R. Coleman, Jr. (Bob) is a practicing attorney licensed in the State of Georgia. He completed the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) process in 1989 and has mediated various types of cases. Mr. Coleman received training in Divorce Mediation from Atlanta Divorce Mediators, Inc. and is a registered Neutral with the State of Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution to do General Civil Business, Domestic, and Domestic violence. Mr. Coleman is trained and certified by Henning mediation and Arbitration service, Inc. in probate mediation.
- **Professional Experience:** 1996 - Present: Coleman, Chambers & Rogers, LLP: Gainesville, Georgia. Partner with: Personal Injury, Construction disputes, Juvenile, Domestic, Contracts, Collection and Employment experience. 1996: Hunt, Coleman, Vaughan & Chambers, PA, Gainesville, GA: Partner focusing on collections construction disputes, contract disputes, juvenile, domestic, child custody and personal injury. 1994-1996: Hunt, Coleman, Vaughan & Chambers, PA: Gainesville, GA, focusing on commercial and business litigation, personal injury, divorce, contracts disputes, construction disputes

and collection matters. 1993-1994: Hunt & Coleman, PA: Gainesville, GA, Partner, civil litigation, including business disputes, personal injury, divorce and custody. 1989-1993: Smith, Gilliam & Williams, PA: Gainesville, GA, Associate commercial and business litigation, insurance defense, personal injury, worker's compensation, and contractual disputes.

- **Education:** Auburn University, B.A., 1986. Mercer University, Walter F. George School of Law and J.D., 1989.
- **ADR Fees:** $350.00 per hour for two (2) party cases, or $175.00 per party, per hour. For parties of three (3) or more, his fee is $175.00 per party, per hour.
  His travel fee is $175.00 per hour to and from mediations outside of Gainesville, Georgia.**Email:** bob@colemanchambers.com
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JAMES E. CORNWELL, JR., 706-491-4920

- **Areas of Experience:** Superior Court Judge 1998-2010, Domestic Law, Divorce, Child Custody, Child Support & Modification cases, Contracts, Commercial & Business Litigation, Personal Injury, Municipal & County Government Cases, Trust & Estates, Criminal Law.
- **ADR Experiences:** Trained and Certified by Henning Mediation & Arbitration Services, Inc. Registered as a General and Domestic Mediator with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution. While serving as a Superior Court Judge applied mediation principles to many cases whether deciding a case on its merits or after conferring with counsel. Certified by the Counsel of the Superior Court Judges of Georgia as able to conduct Judicially Hosted Settlement Conferences 2025.
- **Professional Experiences:** 2018-present Senior Superior Court Judge, State of Georgia 2010-2018: Cornwell Law, LLC, Attorney. 1999-2010: Superior Court Judge, Mountain Judicial Circuit. 1981-1999: Solicitor, State Court of Stephens County. 1977-1998: Attorney, Private Practice.
- **Education:** Clemson University, B.S. 1973. University of South Carolina School of Law 1974. Woodrow Wilson College of Law, JD 1977. National Judicial College, General Jurisdiction 2000.
- **ADR Fees:** $150 Per party, per hour, 2 hour minimum. $600.00 No show/cancellation fee for less than a 48 hour notice.
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CATHY A. COX-BRAKEFIELD, ESQ. 404-630-0242

- **Areas of Experience:** General civil litigation, including small claims/Magistrate Court, personal injury/torts, landlord/tenant, insurance disputes, property and neighbor disputes, contracts
- **Professional Experiences:** Chief Assistant District Attorney, Enotah Judicial Circuit, 2011-2015 (retirement) Assistant District Attorney, Enotah and Appalachian Circuits, 2001-2010
  Georgia Attorney's Office, civil litigation, state and federal courts, 1986-2001
  Private insurance defense practice, Atlanta, 1984-1986
  Active member of State Bar of Georgia since June 1984
  Martindale-Hubbell AV rating
- **Education:** Mercer University Walter F. George School of Law, Juris Doctor, cum laude, 1984
  Mercer University College of Liberal Arts, Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude, 1981
  Young Harris College, 1978-1979
  Fannin County High School, 1978, with honors
- **ADR Fees:** $ $150 per hour in Fannin, Union and Gilmer counties, $200 per hour with a two hour minimum in other counties. 24 hour cancellation required. Payment by cash or firm or certified check only.
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JULI D. CRIDER, J.D. (404) 867-9473 CALL OR TEXT

- **Areas of Experience**: *Family Law*: Divorce, alimony, equitable division, custody, parenting time, child support modifications, contempt, paternity, legitimation, child support worksheets. *General Civil*: Small claims court, contract claims, auto damage claims, landlord/tenant disputes/HOA, sexual harassment, and discrimination.
- **ADR Experience**: Full-time registered Domestic Relations, Intimate Partner Violence & Abuse (IPVA) / Domestic Violence (DV), and General Civil Mediator through the Office of Dispute Resolution and mediates a large portion of cases over ZOOM. Also, happy to travel and mediate in person, if needed.
- **Professional Experience**: Juli brings over two decades of litigation experience to the table which has been almost exclusively dedicated to family law. Early in her career, she worked as a Paralegal for the late John C. Mayoue with Warner, Mayoue, Bates & Nolen, P.C. in Atlanta, where she gained invaluable training in the area of high-asset litigation and jury trials representing celebrities, professional athletes and affluent clientele. Juli attended law school part-time in the evenings while working full-time as a paralegal and during that time, she also interned at the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation in the Fulton County Safe Families Office at the Fulton County Courthouse.
- **Education**: John Marshall Law School, J.D., 2015; Covenant College, BS Org. Mgmt., 2004; Kennesaw State University, Paralegal Certificate, 1994.
- **ADR Fees**: $200 per hour split evenly between the parties unless otherwise agreed to or ordered and is collected at the end of the session. 2-hour fee for cancellations within 72

business hours of the session, no shows, and a 2-hour minimum requirement ($400). Credit/Debit cards accepted including Zelle.

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BETH BUFFINGTON CURRY 770-654-1467

- **Areas of Experience**: Probate and estate administration; guardianships and conservatorships; contracts; construction and payment disputes; business and family business disputes; agricultural and farm-related matters; landlord-tenant disputes; property and real estate matters; child support; parenting plans; custody agreements; general civil mediation; and juvenile matters.
- **ADR Experience**: Registered Neutral with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution in General Civil, Probate, Domestic Relations, Juvenile Delinquency, and Juvenile Dependency mediation. Beth has successfully mediated probate and estate matters, landlord-tenant disputes, child support and custody agreements, and general civil disputes. She believes lasting agreements are built through preparation, transparency, and practical problem-solving, helping parties organize complex disputes into manageable steps and practical solutions.
- **Professional Experience**: Beth is the founder of Effective Mediation Works (EMW, Inc.) and brings more than 30 years of executive leadership, business ownership, construction management, and agricultural experience to the mediation process.

  As President of Buffington & Smith Contracting Company, Beth successfully managed a family-owned construction business, negotiating contracts, resolving payment and performance disputes, supervising employees, coordinating with lenders, engineers, government agencies, and property owners, and guiding projects from inception to completion. As a Georgia poultry farm owner, she understands the unique challenges facing agricultural operations, family businesses, and rural property owners.

  In addition to her business career, Beth serves as a Certified Guardian ad Litem and Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), advocating for children and families involved in the juvenile court system. These combined experiences allow her to understand both the legal and practical realities facing parties while helping them develop thoughtful, durable agreements.

  Known for her calm, organized approach, Beth helps parties move beyond conflict by replacing uncertainty with a clear, practical path forward.
- **Education**: University of Georgia, Bachelor of Arts, Political Science
- **ADR Fees**: $200.00 per hour for two (2) party cases. For matters involving three (3) or more parties, the fee is $100.00 per party, per hour. Two (2) hour minimum. Travel outside of Gainesville, Georgia is billed at $50.00 per hour for travel time to and from the mediation. A two-hour cancellation fee applies for cancellations made less than 48 hours before the scheduled mediation.
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ANN NOEL DETTMERING, ESQ. 770-919-9336

- **Areas of Experience:** Family Law: divorce, child custody, child support, modification of custody and support, paternity, legitimation, adoption, elder law, hospice care and end of life issues and probate.
- **ADR Experience:**Trainer/Lecturer: Georgia Family law- Mediation training program- Atlanta Justice Center-2007- current. Speaker- Georgia Mediators Association Seminar –Mediation Hot Topics and Trends, 2014. Speaker- Georgia Mediators Association Seminar- Online and Face to Face: Future Mediation, 2012. Immediate Past President-Georgia Mediators Association. Member- Alternative Dispute Resolution Section State Bar of Georgia. Certified Mediator- Office of Dispute Resolution, 2000-current. Registered Court Rosters: Cobb County, Gwinnett County, 7th District, and 9th District. Private Mediator, 2000- Current. Private Arbitrator, 2007- Current.
- **Professional Experience:** Owner: Dettmering Mediation, 2006- Current. Founding Partner: Gentry, Smith, Dettmering, Morgan & Schnatmeier, LLP, 2006- Current. Member of Cobb Divorce team 2014-Current. Admitted to Practice Law: State of Georgia, 1985-Current, Supreme Court State of Georgia, 1985-Current, Supreme Court of the United States, 2000-Current.
- **Education:** University of Wisconsin – Madison – Bachelor of Arts. Emory University School of Law-Juris Doctor, 1985.
- **ADR Fees:** $250.00 per hour, 2 hour minimum. $500 cancellation fee. $500 No Show fee. Accepts: Zelle, Venmo, Credit Card with 3% processing fee applied.
- **Mediation Locations:** Conference room available at no additional charge: Dettmering Mediation: 278 North Marietta Parkway, Marietta, GA.
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LAUREN D. DEVINE, ESQ. 470-978-7715

- **Areas of Experience:** Family law
- **ADR Experience:** Registered to serve as a neutral in General Civil, Domestic Relations and Domestic Violence mediations.
- **Professional Experience:** Lauren exclusively practiced family law until 2023, when she formed Devine Divorce Mediation, LLC to focus entirely on mediating cases. Lauren was recognized by her peers as a Georgia Super Lawyers Rising Star Honoree in 2021, 2022, and 2023. While in law school, Lauren interned with the Honorable Jane C. Barwick of the Superior Court of Fulton County, where she observed numerous court proceedings involving family law matters and conducted extensive research on the subject of family law.
- **Education:** Georgia State University College of Law, JD (*cum laude*), 2017. University of Missouri, BA (Mass Media and Political Communication) with a minor in Political Science, 2012. Admitted to practice law in Georgia in 2017.

- **ADR Fees:** $250.00 per hour, 2-hour minimum. $300 if cancelled within 24 hours or no show.
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## MEGAN DINATALI 678-769-5924

- Areas of Experience: Business law, business litigation, contracts, real estate transactions, real estate litigation, employment contracts, commercial leases, municipal and local government law, secondary education and Title IX, equine law, wills, trusts, estate and probate law.
- **Professional Experience:** Mrs. DiNatale has experience working with small and midsized general practice firms, representing both private and public clients, as well as serving in-house for a public university and local government. Through this diverse background, she has developed a well-rounded understanding of a wide range of transactions and the legal implications and risks they present, including the nuances associated with different industries, such as construction and other skilled labor, and government involvement. Mrs. DiNatale maintains a general civil practice, with a strong focus on business transactions and disputes, estate planning, and probate.
- **Education:** University of Florida, Levin College of Law, Juris Doctorate 2019; Young Harris College, BA History, 2015; University of Georgia, J.W. Fanning Institute for Leadership Development, General Civil Mediation Certification, 2024.
- **ADR Fees:** $225 per hour – 2 hour minimum.
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## MEREDITH DITCHEN-OAKLEY, ESQ. 770-401-2997

- **Areas of Experience:** Family Law, Estates, Guardianship and Probate, Divorce, Legitimation, Custody, Modifications, Child Support, Visitation
- **ADR Experience:** Registered Mediator since 2006, Registered in Arbitration since 2007, Domestic Violence in 2016, also trained as a Parent Coordinator in 2014 and has served as a Guardian Ad Litem in Cobb, Douglas, Cherokee, Gwinnett and Fulton Counties since 2001. On the ADR roster in Cobb County and mediates throughout metro Atlanta.
- **Professional Experience:** Admitted to Georgia Bar in 1998, practiced law in metro Atlanta primarily in family law, adoptions, estates and probate guardianships since 1998. Has practiced as a Guardian Ad Litem since 2001, Parent Coordinator since 2014 and has been mediating cases since 2006.
- **Education:** B.S in Political Science and French in 1992, with honors; J.D. Marquette University Law School 1997, cum laude

- **ADR Fees:** $300.00 per hour, 2 hour cancellation fee to the cancelling party if cancelled in less than 48 hours and if less than 24 hours or a no show at mediation, 4 hour cancellation fee to the cancellation/no show party.
- **Payments accepted:** Cash, Attorney Check and party checks guaranteed by attorney, credit and debit cards (Discover, Master Card, American Express and Visa). $35.00 returned check fees
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MICHELLE COHEN EGAN, ESQ.

- **Areas of Experience:** Business and contract disputes, real estate disputes, HOA disputes, commercial and residential property tax appeals, complex probate, trust, and estate challenges, will contests, breach of fiduciary duty, construction, employment, debt collection, automobile accidents, premises liability, wrongful death, and general personal injury claims
- **Professional Experience:** Ms. Egan has more than 30 years experience litigating, negotiating, and resolving cases and disputes. Her diverse background brings unique qualification and deeper perspective to mediation. She assists local and international businesses and individuals navigate and resolve business disputes, has been a litigator at two of Georgia's top international law firms, served as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Georgia, served as an Assistant District Attorney for Cherokee and Forsyth Counties, clerked for the Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit Superior Court, and led a well-respected non-profit serving the healthcare needs of children.
- **ADR Experience:** Ms. Egan is a registered mediator with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution in General Civil, Probate, and Domestic mediation.
- **Education:** University of Georgia School of Law, J.D. (1994); University of Florida, B.A. (1991)
- **ADR Fees:** $200 per party per hour (Zoom); $250 per party per hour (In-person)
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JULIE ELIZABETH ERNST, ESQ. (JULIE ERNST-FORTIN-PC) 770-613-9524

- **Areas of Experience:** 30 years' experience specializing in Family Law/Domestic Relations (Divorce, Custody, Child Support, Parenting Time, Domestic Violence, Juvenile Deprivation, Guardian ad Litem), including Probate, Estate Planning, Contracts, Real Estate, Personal Injury, Landlord/Tenant, Collections and Employment cases.
- **ADR Experience:** Ms. Ernst mediates 4-6 family law cases per week for lawyers with pending court cases and parties wishing to settle prior to filing. She's mediated thousands of divorce, custody, child support and complex domestic relations cases throughout Georgia, in-person and online. Watch her video on virtual mediation at https://julieernst.com/zoom-tips . With over 300 hours of advanced training, she's authorized to mediate Domestic Relations, Domestic Violence and Juvenile Deprivation cases. She's trained mediators, judged mediation competitions, consults on how to negotiate most effectively, and serves

as Guardian ad Litem. A member of the Family Law Section of the State Bar of Georgia, Forsyth Bar Association, Atlanta Bar Association and Gwinnett Bar Association, she's certified to be selected by the parties and is approved to accept court-referred mediations in the Sixth, Seventh, Ninth and Tenth Districts of Georgia, as well as Fulton, Dekalb, Gwinnett, Clayton and Cobb Counties. Through https://agreetodivorce.com/, Ms. Ernst works with couples to settle all issues before filing for divorce and provides flat fee uncontested and cooperative divorces.

- **Professional Experience:** Private Practice in Divorce, Family Law and Mediation services since 1999, including flat fee uncontested and cooperative divorce. Supervising and Staff Attorney for Georgia Legal Services Program, Inc., 1995 to 1999. Assistant Public Defender, Northern Judicial Circuit 1994-1995. Tobin & Hoffspiegel 1993-1994.
- **Education:** Georgia State University, College of Law, J.D., 1994. Miami University, School of Arts & Sciences, B.A., 1989.
- **ADR Fees:** $350.00 per hour, minimum 2-hours, Credit/Debit cards accepted, 2-hour fee for cancellations less than 48 hours prior to session.
- **Email:** julie@agreetodivorce.com
- **Website:** To check availability and schedule mediation: https://julieernst.com; For those interested in divorce: https://agreetodivorce.com

MELANIE DODSON FAIN, ESQ. 706-969-9215

- **Areas of Experience:** Melanie's expertise includes handling cases involving juvenile law, divorce, child custody, child support, spousal support, adoption, and domestic violence.
- **ADR Experience:** Melanie began mediating in 2011 while she was in college. She has conducted mediations in person, virtually, and in hybrid formats. Melanie is certified to mediate general civil cases, including domestic cases and those involving domestic violence.
- **Professional Experience:** Melanie has been practicing family law and juvenile law since she was sworn in November 2018. Over the years, she has gained extensive experience in handling cases related to family law, adoption, and juvenile law. In addition to her legal practice, Melanie has also served as a guardian ad litem, advocating for the best interests of children in court proceedings. Furthermore, she is a skilled mediator, facilitating resolutions in various disputes.
- **Education:** Atlanta's John Marshall Law School, J.D., 2018; Brenau Unviersity, B.A., 2014.
- **ADR Fees:** $250.00 per hour, minimum 2-hours, paid via venmo, firm payment link, check, cash for in person mediations only, 2-hour fee for cancellations less than 24 hours prior to session.
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## MARJORIE FISHMAN, ESQ. 706-714-2776

- **Areas of Experience:** General Civil Litigation (including Personal injury, contracts, probate matters, and landlord/tenant disputes) with an emphasis on Domestic matters including Divorce, Custody, Child Support and Domestic Violence.
- **ADR Experience:** Ms. Fishman is currently certified to mediate all types of civil and domestic cases including cases involving domestic violence. Although she mediates a variety of cases, the majority of her mediations are in the domestic areas. Ms. Fishman accepts both court ordered and privately scheduled mediations. She has been mediating since 1996 and averages approximately 125 cases per year.
- **Professional Experience:** Associate, Nelson and Hill 1988-1991. Adjunct Faculty/Paralegal, Athens Area Technical Institute 1991-1996. Trainer/Instructor Mediation, Peer Mediation and Law Related Education, University of Georgia, Institute of Government 1996-2000. Self-employed mediator 1996-present.
- **Education:** University of Georgia School of Law, J.D., 1988. Settlement Institute Mediation Training, 1995. Atlanta Divorce Mediators Domestic Mediation Training, 1995. Domestic Violence Mediation Training, 2003. Henning Arbitration Training, 2006.
- **ADR Fees:** $250.00 per hour,2-hour minimum, 48 hour cancellation notice or $500.00 fee.
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## KRISTINE FLETCHER , ESQ. 678-880-4023

- **Areas of Experience:** Family Law/Juvenile Law/Grandparent Custody/ Divorce/ Custody/ Parenting Time/Modification/Contempt/Legitimation/Domestic Violence/Probate
- **ADR Experience:** Registered as a mediator since 2011. Also registered in Domestic cases, Domestic Violence cases, Probate cases and as an Arbitrator.
- **Professional Experience:** Kristine is the owner of Kristine M. Fletcher, LLC, founded in 2014, where she mediates, serves as a Guardian ad Litem, and practices family law and juvenile law. She represents children, parents, grandparents, and relatives in all manner of domestic and juvenile practice. She is admitted to practice in all the state trial courts of Georgia, the Georgia Court of Appeals, and the Supreme Court of Georgia.
  Kristine began her career with a small family law firm in Cherokee County, where she represented men and women as marriages came to an end or family law issues were litigated. She also represented parents and children in dependency proceedings before the Juvenile Court when children were removed from their homes. Kristine then worked for a different small firm in Canton, where she represented clients in family law matters and represented DFCS as a prosecutor in dependency proceedings before the Juvenile Court. Kristine is also a member of the Amicable Divorce Network as both a mediator and a litigator.
- **Education:** BBA University of Georgia 2008, JD Georgia State University School of Law 2011, admitted to practice law in Georgia in 2011.
- **ADR Fees:** $300.00 per hour. Accepts, cash, checks and credit cards.

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ANDY FLINK 770-354-3471

- **Areas of Experience:** Domestic and Business Mediation, Arbitration. Divorce, modifications, contempt actions, child custody, visitation, child support, business disputes, trusts, estates and real estate.
- **ADR Experience:** In the past 7 years Andy has mediated over 1000 domestic and business disputes, both court connected and privately. Andy has always had an entrepreneurial spirit, starting his first retail business while a junior in college. His retail experience led him to ultimately being appointed Chairman of the Board of Directors of a retail company that was sold to a publicly traded NASDAQ Fortune 500 entity. He has specific expertise in cases that require in depth experience of complex financial issues. As a once divorced dad himself, Andy also has extensive personal knowledge with respect to custody issues. Andy is a registered neutral with the GODR and a roster member of Cobb, DeKalb and Fulton counties as well as the 9th District ADR. He is a contributing author on the subject of mediation to the State Bar of Georgia Family Law Review, The Atlanta Bar Association and the Cobb Quarterly review, and has mediated with more than 450 Atlanta and surrounding area family lawyers. Most recently Andy was asked to speak on the subject of mediation at the 2017 Family Law and was appointed to the on-site mediation roster in Fulton County Superior Court.
- **Professional Experience:** Shareholder and board chairman for Harmon Stores, $85+ million retail conglomerate, (sold in 2002) as well as owner and founder of Players World, a regional sporting goods chain located in the Southeast (sold in 2008). One year later Andy founded Flink Consulting, LLC, a full- service mediation, arbitration and consulting firm.
- **Education:** BBA Accounting/Banking/Finance, University of Georgia.
- **ADR Fees:** $400.00 per hour. Two-hour fee charged for cancellations inside of 48 hours, Four-hour fee charged for cancellations inside of 24 hours. Forms of payment accepted include cash, checks and credit cards at no extra fee.
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HAROLD B. GARCIA, ESQ. 678-581-9200 678-851-9260(EN ESPANOL)

- **Areas of Experience:** Divorce, Custody, Parenting Time, Family Law, Contempt, Modification, Legitimation, Domestic Violence, Probate, General Civil Litigation, Personal Injury, and Landlord/Tenant.
- **ADR Experience:** Registered as a Mediator in Civil, Domestic Relations, Domestic Violence, and Probate cases.

- **Professional Experience:** 2003 to 2006: Associate Attorney in the private practice of Jack J. Menendez, in Marietta, GA, with extensive experience in domestic relations matters and juvenile law including divorce, contempt, modification, and deprivation proceedings. The practice also included criminal law, personal injury matters, landlord/tenant, wills and probate matters. From November 2006 to present: Solo Practitioner, Law Office of Harold B. Garcia, LLC. Primarily engaging in Criminal Defense, Divorce, Child Custody, Modification, Contempt, Legitimation/Paternity, Personal Injury, Car/Truck/Motorcycle Accidents, and Landlord/Tenant.
- **Education:** BS Georgia State University, 1998, Dean's List. JD John Marshall Law School Atlanta 2003. Admitted to practice in Georgia in 2003.
- **ADR Fees:** $200.00 per hour, 2 hour minimum. $300.00 per hour, for Saturday and Sunday, 2-hour minimum. Accepts: Cash, Checks, Visa, Mastercard, Discover, American Express, Cash App, Venmo, Zelle, Pay Pal. $400.00/$600.00 no-show fee charged to non-appearing party. $400.00 cancellation fee for cancellations with less than 2 business days' notice.
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TERESA M. GARCIA, ESQ. 770-723-0900

- **Areas of Experience:** Civil, Domestic, and Domestic Violence
- **ADR Experience:** Ms. Garcia has had a private practice in family and adoption law since 1996. She is fluent in Spanish and serves the English and Spanish speaking community. She is certified in general civil, domestic relations, domestic violence mediation, and arbitration and is also registered as a mediator with Cobb and Gwinnett Counties and the 6th and 7th Judicial Districts. She has served as a mediator since 2012 and mediated more than 200 cases.
- **Languages**: Spanish and English
- **Professional Experience:** 1996 to Present: Law Office of Teresa M. Garcia, LLC. Tucker, Georgia;
- **Education:** Emory School of Law, J.D.; Vassar College, B.A.
- **ADR Fees:** $ 200.00 per hour. Ms. Garcia accepts attorney's checks, payments by credit/debit card via Square (with a 4% surcharge) and Zelle
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LINDA GETTLE, ESQ. 770-795-8000

- **Areas of Experience:** Family Law.
- **ADR Experience:** Although I was a family law lawyer and guardian ad litem for many years, I now have been mediating full time for over 15 years. I was registered as a neutral in 1998. I have mediated over 7,000 family law cases. I am domestic violence trained and

arbitration trained. I typically book 2 mediations a day but will book a full day for mediation. I am available on most Saturdays if need be.

- **Professional Experience:** Ms. Gettle is an attorney in good standing with the State Bar of Georgia. Her practice is divided between family law litigation, mediation and being a Guardian ad Litem in Superior court.
- **Education:** University of TN at Chattanooga, B.S English/Education, 1976, cum laude; Woodrow Wilson College of Law, 1987 summa cum laude/Valedictorian.
- **ADR Fees:** $250.00 per hour, two hour minimum. $500.00 cancellation fee if cancelled less than 3 business days (except legal conflict). Cash or check.

NANCY PAOLA GLASS 770-778-1579

- **Areas of Experience:** General Civil, Domestic Relations, and Juvenile Dependency and Delinquency.
- **ADR Experience:** Ms. Glass has been a registered mediator with the Georgia office of Dispute Resolution since January 2014. She focuses her career in the Spanish Community in this country. Her past assignments have resulted in an opportunity to grow and function in many roles and responsibilities. The US opened the doors for The Alternative Dispute Resolution filed. She was training in domestic relations, domestic violence, and juvenile dependency and delinquency cases. Her bilingual skills allow her to work in Spanish, when allowed, and translate into English. Ms. Glass serves as a neutral at the Superior Cobb County Court and the 9th Judicial District in Gainesville, and Clayton Judicial Circuit ADR.
- **Professional Experience:** Ms. Glass is a bilingual professional with local and international corporate experience functioning in a multicultural environment. Such positions have incorporated experience in standardizing corporate efficiency assessment/training using the "continuous improvement model". She has worked for the Department of Justice in Atlanta, subcontracted by private companies that offer translation services. She has been the office manager for a family business developing many clerical and accounting duties, plus legal contracts. She worked for the Federal Judiciary of Tucuman for five years, contracted by the Honorable National Supreme Court to serve a judiciary Governor, Senator Representatives while coordinating training lectures addressed to those assigned for presiding elections and voting activities. She has been working on foreign country political affairs., serving the Consulate General of Argentina in Atlanta for over two years as a consular assistant.
- **Education:** Graduated as Doctor in Law and Solicitor from the National University of Tucuman, holding a degree in Translation.
- **ADR Fees:** $200.00 per hour.
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STEVEN J. GOLD, ESQ. 770-270-8290

- **Areas of Experience:** General, and Early Neutral Evaluation.

- **ADR Experience:** Founder of AIM (Atlanta Independent Mediators), Mr. Gold has averaged three to five cases per week as an ADR neutral (mediator, case evaluator and arbitrator) for many years through court-annexed programs in DeKalb, Cobb, Gwinnett, Fulton, 7th JAD, 9th JAD, NASD, and in private sessions. Formerly with Henning Mediation and Arbitration Services and Miles Mediation, NASD Arbitration Panelist and Chairperson.
- **Professional Experience:** Practicing attorney in Georgia since 1984. Transitioned to full-time mediation in 2003. Legal career began as an in-house attorney for Rich's Department Stores handling General Corporate, Contracts, General Liability and Workers Compensation from defense perspective for four years. He then went into private practice doing Plaintiff's personal injury and general civil.
- **Education:** Antioch College, BA 1973. Emory University School of Law, JD, 1983.
- **ADR Fees:** Virtual: $185.00 per hour, per party; $155.00 per hour, per party for three or more parties; three hour minimum. No administrative fee. Cancellation Fee: Two hours if less than 48 business day hours' notice.

  In-Person: $265.00 per hour, per party; $230.00 per hour, per party for three or more parties; four hour minimum. No administrative fee. Travel fee: up to four hours round trip, flat fee of $65.00 per party. $1,950.00 flat rate per party for mediations over four hours round trip.
- **Cancellation Fee:** Four hours if less than 48 business day hours' notice.
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LYNN H. GOLDMAN, ESQ. 404-275-9678

- **Areas of Experience:** Custody, Dependency, Delinquency, Adoption and Family Law.
- **ADR Experience:** Registered as a Domestic, Delinquency, and Dependency Mediator. Ms. Goldman has been in mediation for over 12 years in child related cases. She also is a consultant with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution to help create new juvenile court mediation programs around the state. In this role she drafted the current law on mediation in the juvenile courts. Ms. Goldman regularly trains attorneys, mediators, judges and other court stakeholders on the use of mediation. She also started the dependency mediation program in Fulton County Juvenile Court and was the director for four years.
- **Professional Experience:** 2014- present: Attorney with Claiboren|Fox|Bradley, LLC. 2010-2014: Mediation Director-Fulton Juvenile Court. 2005-2009: Program Manager- One Child, One Lawyer, AVLF. 1998-2002: Attorney with Atlanta Legal Aid Society. 193-1995: Clayton County Department of Family and Children Services.
- **Education:** Bachelors of Social Work from the University of Alabama, 1993, JD from the University of Georgia School of Law, 1998. Admitted to the State Bar of Georgia, 1998. Registered Mediator since 2003.
- **ADR Fees:** $250.00 per hour, 2 hour minimum.

WHITNEY WINBURN GOODSTONE 706-207-2923

- **Areas of Experience:** Domestic/Domestic Violence mediations including custody, parenting

plans, child support calculations, spousal support, division of property, and modifications; General Civil Mediation in matters of personal injury, business, contracts, employment, insurance, real property, and construction litigation; Dependency mediations; and Juvenile Delinquency mediations.

- **ADR Experience:** In addition to studying law in Sydney and practicing law with a large Australian law firm, Whitney Goodstone is a registered and experienced Neutral with the State of Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution. Whitney has extensive and diverse training, along with life and business experiences that enable her to help parties creatively resolve their issues. Since 2012, Whitney has mediated over 1200 matters throughout North Georgia.
- **Professional Experience:** Mediator, arbitrator and owner of Advance ADR LLC, a mediation and arbitration firm; Mediation Coach, University of Georgia School of Law; Mediation Coach, JW Fanning Institute for Leadership Development; Vice President, Wirko LLC, importer/exporter; President, Top Cabinets USA LLC, importer/supplier; Realtor, 3tree Realty LLC (Athens, GA), and Executive Assistant, Deep Roots Property Management LLC
- **Past Professional Experience:** Lawyer, Corrs Chambers Westgarth (Sydney, Australia), a world class corporate law firm with offices in Sydney, Melbourne, Perth and Brisbane
- **Education:** University of Georgia - BBA Double Major International Business / Finance; University of New South Wales Faculty of Law - Bachelor of Laws (Sydney, Australia).
- **ADR Fees:** $225.00 per hour*
  *will negotiate travel rates for locations outside northeast Georgia
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**MAGGIE GRANT,** **310 717 6937**

- **Areas of Experience:** General Civil (all areas); Certified Paralegal and worked in the Real Estate and Mortgage fields as a Paralegal; Mortgage Processor and Closing Agent; Worked for Thomson-West as a sales representative and national research trainer on Westlaw; As a filmmaker, actor, writer and producer, skilled in creating a harmonious negotiating process and building team environments. Comfortable speaking in front of any size group and teaching.
- **Professional Experience:** Maggie is also partners with her sister, Attorney Inez Grant, at EQUAL GROUND MEDIATION SERVICES. Offering MEDIATION and ARBITRATION SERVICES. https://equalgroundmediationservices.godaddysites.com/ Offering VIRTUAL (ZOOM) mediations in the areas of: DOMESTIC MEDIATIONS- Divorce, Settlements, Modifications; FAMILY LAW - Adoption, Legitimizations, etc.; JUVENILE; CIVIL; and ELDER LAW. We offer a free 20-minute consultation.

- **Education:** Graduated with a BS in Political Science/BA in Theatre, University Miami/Florida; International University; Certified Paralegal University of Miami; Abraham Lincoln Law School Los Angeles, CA; Capella Law School San Jose, CA
- **ADR Fees:** $225.00 per hour 48 hour cancellation Notice or cancellation fee of $200.00.
- Very flexible schedule
- **Email:** myaccessga@gmail.com
- Available on short notice

DANIEL E. GULDEN, ESQ. 404-303-8250

- **Areas of Experience:** Commercial, Contracts, Employment, Estate & Probate, Domestic,
- Personal Injury.
- **ADR Experience:** **Mediation:** 30+ years and 2,500+ cases of mediation experience involving business, commercial/contract, real estate, accounting, estate & probate, divorce, employment and securities.
  **Arbitration:** 30+ years and 200+ cases involving business/contract, securities, accounting. Dan is in private practice now focusing solely on alternative dispute resolution and has mediated and arbitrated a wide variety of cases. He has mediated for Metro Atlanta and Central Georgia court programs, the AAA (American Arbitration Assn.), the Justice Center of Atlanta, FINRA (Financial Industry Regulatory Authority), and national panels in employment cases for Fortune 500 companies and Federal agencies. Dan is a Board member & former Chair of the DR Section of the Atlanta Bar Assn. His memberships include the Ga. Bar, Atlanta Bar Assn., Dekalb Bar Assn., Sandy Springs Bar Assn., NADN (National Assn. of Distinguished
  Neutrals, Diplomate Member), APFM (Association of Professional Family Mediators, Practitioner Member). He is available to conduct mediation on Zoom when in-person isn't practical.
- **Professional Experience:** Prior to focusing solely on alternative dispute resolution, Dan was in solo legal practice; served as Chief Admin. Officer and in-house counsel for a steel manufacturer and was responsible for the orderly wind-up of the company #39;s affairs following its sale. Before that, he served as an attorney with the Office of Chief Counsel for the IRS in Washington, DC.
- **Education:** Georgetown U. Law Center, LL.M (Tax); Emory U. Law School, J.D.; Dartmouth College, A.B.
- **ADR Fees:** $450 per hour ($225 per side in a 2-party case). Cancellation Fee: $450 if less than 48 business hours' notice.
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## BRENDA BUTLER HADAWAY 678-956-3757

- **Areas of Experience:** General and Civil mediation, including business, construction, litigation, contract, landlord/tenant; pre-warrant mediations, juvenile delinquency mediations, juvenile deprivation/dependency mediations.
- **ADR Experience:** 2011-Present: Registered Neutral with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution. Mediated in Magistrate courts in Forsyth, Hall Cherokee and Gilmer County. Mediated in State Courts in Cherokee and Hall County. Mediated in Juvenile Court in Dawson County.
- **Professional Experience:** Forsyth County, Cumming, GA: Coordinator, Victim Advocate Unite Sheriff's Office - 12 years. Litigation Paralegal (Civil and Criminal) - 17 years. Portman Properties, Atlanta, GA. Hansel Post Brandon and Dorsey, Atlanta, GA. Simon and Sheridan, Los Angeles, CA.
- **Education:** Georgia State University, B.S., Public and Urban Affairs, 1984 Magna cum Laude. University of Georgia, the Fanning Institute, Mediation Certificate, 2011. Juvenile Delinquency Certificate, GODR 2013. Juvenile Deprivation/Dependency Certificate, 2013, GODR.
- **ADR Fees:** $125.00 per hour.
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## SUSAN M. HAMBY 678-410-3671

- **Areas of Experience:** Domestic, General Civil and Juvenile.
- **ADR Experience:** Certified Mediator for General Civil and Domestic cases. Has mediated hundreds of cases.
- **Professional Experience:** Department of Family and Children's Services, High School Teacher, Executive Account Manager for National Brands in the food industry. Seven years of service with inmates in the Hall County Detention Center.
- **Education:** North Georgia College and State University, B.A. in English Education.
- **ADR Fees:** $200.00 per hour.
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## JUDGE JACKSON HARRIS PH: 470-RESOLVE

- **Areas of Experience:** General civil matters: contracts, corporation, commercial, negligence, personal injury, real property, zoning, land use, condemnations, HOA disputes, trusts, estates, municipal government matters, landlord/tenant, banking; Domestic matters: divorce, custody, support and modification, and; Criminal law.
- **ADR Experience:** Prior to assuming the bench at the beginning of 1997, Judge Harris completed 60 hours of mediation training. Near the end of his twenty-two years of judicial service, he completed another 80 hours of mediation training and then registered with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution. Trained in general civil mediation at the National Judicial College by noted trainer and mediator, Nancy Neal Yeend, he was also trained in domestic

mediation at Henning Mediation and Arbitration Services by Patricia A. Siuta. He earlier completed arbitrator training from Henning.

- **Professional Experience:** 2001-2018: Superior Court Judge, Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit, Cherokee County. 2013-2018: Chief Judge. 1997-2001: Presiding Juvenile Court Judge, Cherokee County. 1983-1997: Attorney in Private Practice. 1981-1983: Staff Attorney to the Judges of the Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit.
- **Education:** Emory University, B.A., 1978. Mercer University School of Law, J.D., 1981. General Jurisdiction training at the National Judicial College, 2003.
- **ADR Fees:** $350.00 per hour, no minimum.
- **Email:** office@jacksonharris.com

EDWARD L. HARTNESS 770-540-7415

- **Areas of Experience:** General civil matters: contracts, corporation, commercial, negligence, personal injury, real property, zoning, land use, condemnations, HOA disputes, trusts, estates, municipal government matters, landlord/tenant, banking; Domestic matters: divorce, custody, support and modification, and; Criminal law.
- **Areas of Experience:** All matters arising in probate, State and Superior Court, including but not limited to domestic relations, custody, contracts, corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies, business disputes, real property disputes, personal injury, commercial, construction, wills, trusts, estate and probate law, and general civil litigation.
- **ADR Experience:** Certified as a general mediator and as a domestic mediator.
- **Professional Experience:** General trial practice for 44 years since June of 1974, trying numerous cases in all of the above areas, with a concentration in family law and domestic relations.
- **Education:** University of Georgia, BBA in 1971, University of Georgia School of Law, J.D. in 1974
- **ADR Fees:** $125.00 per hour per party, 2 hour minimum, $250.00 cancellation fee within 2 days of mediation.
- **Email:** elhartness@bellsouth.net

MELISSA HEARD 770-778-7618(CELL) 404-523-8236 X204(OFFICE)

- **Areas of Experience:** Family matters (however family is defined), divorce, custody, legitimation, parenting time, modification, contempt, IPVA (domestic violence), workplace, Juvenile delinquency and dependency, probate, landlord tenant and other case types. In court connected and private cases, military, federal, state and local agencies.
- **Professional Experience:** Mediating since 1991, providing services in several thousand cases across various case types, states, and countries.
  As of January 2024, Melissa has become the Executive Director of the Justice Center of Atlanta, Inc. and will be providing services under the non-profit. Mediation Trainer since

1999; Success Consulting & Mediation founder in private practice as a neutral and consultant since 2000; FEMA Reservist with the ADR Cadre serving disaster staff and survivors across the country since 2017; and Registered with the Georgia Commission in the following categories: General Civil, Domestic Relations, Specialized Domestic Violence, Probate, Special Education, Delinquency and Dependency Mediation.

- **Education:** Brenau University (Women's College) 1992 BA; University of Tennessee, Knoxville – College of Social Work 1994 1994 MSSW.
- **ADR Fees:** Half day ($800.00) or Full day ($1,500.00) rate. Accepts checks and credit card payments. Zoom platform and in person available.
- **Email:** melissa@justicecenter.org

TRICIA HISE 706-754-0985 (CLARKESVILLE); 770-892-6295 (GAINESVILLE)

- **Areas of Experience:** General Civil, Family, and Domestic Law; Divorce, Child Custody, Modifications, Alimony, Child Support, Family Law, Grandparent/Relative Custody, Equitable Caregiver, Guardian ad Litem, Legitimation, Paternity, Contracts, Personal Injury, Probate, Guardianships, Conservatorships, Landlord-Tenant Disputes, Domestic Violence Matters, Criminal Law.
- **ADR Experience**: Ms. Hise is certified to mediate all types of civil and domestic cases, is a certified domestic violence/intimate partner mediator, and is also a certified arbitrator. Ms. Hise has extensive experience in the field of domestic law and has maintained her own general civil practice with mediation-related experience since 2009.
- **Professional Experience**: Licensed practicing attorney in Georgia since 2005, practicing law throughout the state of Georgia. In 2007 Ms. Hise entered private practice (Richard Tunkle, LLC), focusing on general civil litigation, criminal matters, has maintained a specialized focus on family and domestic litigation, and is a certified Guardian ad Litem. Ms. Hise has extensive experience in complex domestic and family law litigation and opened her own firm in 2009. In 2012 Ms. Hise co-founded Hotard & Hise, LLC with offices located in Clarkesville and Gainesville, GA.
- **Education**: University of Georgia, Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, 1999. Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles, CA, Juris Doctor, 2004.
- **ADR Fees**: $250 per hour with 2-hour minimum. Cancellation fee within 48 hours is $500 and No-Show Fee is $500. Ms. Hise accepts attorney/law firm checks, credit card payments (3.5% convenience fee added), or payment by Zelle. Available after hours, extended mediation sessions, and weekends.
- **Email:** thise@hotardhiselaw.com
- **Website:** www.hotardhiselaw.com

GILDER (GIL) HOWARD, ESQ. 770-928-6886(OFFICE) 678-462-9235(CELL)

- **Areas of Experience:** I have practiced law in the Cobb and Cherokee County area for the last forty-five years. For the past thirty years, my practice has focused exclusively on family law and personal injury cases. I have represented clients in literally thousands of domestic

cases. Prior experience includes a considerable amount of federal criminal litigation and contract litigation.

- **ADR Experience:** I have now served as a mediator since 2011 and during that time have mediated hundreds of domestic cases and a significant number of personal injury and contract cases. I take an aggressive and active approach to mediation and consider my success rate to be high.
- **Education:** I received my Juris Doctorate Degree in Law from Atlanta Law School in 1979 and I received my Master's Degree in Law in 1980.
- **ADR Fees:** My hourly rate is $200.00 per hour with a two-hour minimum. Any mediation that is canceled with less than five business days' notice will be charged a $400.00 cancellation fee. I am very flexible in terms of scheduling and rescheduling mediations to meet the needs of the attorneys involved. When necessary, I can schedule mediations on weekends or outside of normal business hours.
- **Email:** ghoward@ghowardlaw.com

MANDA C. HUGHES, ESQ. 404-530-9272

- **Areas of Experience:** General Civil matters, Education Law, Juvenile Law, Probate, Guardian ad Litem.
- **ADR Experience:** Registered Mediator, with specialized training in Special Education Mediation, Juvenile Delinquency and Dependency Mediation, and Probate Mediation. Registered Arbitrator
- **Professional Experience:** The Law Office of Manda C. Hughes (formerly Manda C. Gwatney), Blue Ridge, GA (2007-Present). Registered as a Neutral with Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution (2006-Present). Teacher (1995-2002, including Literary Coordinator and department chair from 2000-2002).
- **Education:** North Georgia College and State University, B.A., 1995. University of Georgia, Masters of Education, 1998, Educational Leadership Endorsement, 2000, Specialist in Education, 2000. Georgia State University, College of Law, 2007.
- **ADR Fees:** $200.00 per hour, 2 hour minimum.
- **Email:** manda.c.hughes@gmail.com
- **Website:** www.gwatneylaw.com

DAVID KENNEDY OFFICE: 770-676-1961 CELL: 404-507-2560

- **Areas of Experience:**
  - Personal injury and negligence claims: auto accidents, slip and fall, premises liability.
  - Property damage disputes: between neighbors, contractors or insurance carriers.
  - Breach of contract claims: service agreements, vendor disputes, fee disagreements.
  - Tort claims: defamation, fraud, intentional infliction of emotional distress.
  - Insurance disputes: coverage disagreements, bad faith claims, subrogation.
  - HOA and condominium disputes: rule enforcement, assessment disagreements, board actions.

- Construction and contractor disputes: scope of work, defects, payment.
- Landlord-tenant disputes.
- Real estate disputes: residential purchase and sale, commercial real estate, boundary and easement, partition, brokerage and commission, developer and investor disputes.
- Employment disputes: wrongful termination, discrimination, harassment and retaliation, wage and hour, non-compete and non-solicitation, independent contractor and executive compensation.

- **Professional Experience:**
  - 30+ years of corporate facilitation and conflict resolution as a senior technology and consulting executive.
  - Executive sponsor for Fortune 100 clients, facilitating resolution of disputes among clients, delivery teams, cross-functional groups and subcontractors while preserving long-term relationships.
  - Negotiated and resolved contract, scope and financial disputes, including multi-million-dollar fixed-price contracts and accounts-receivable disagreements.
  - Founder and Registered Neutral, Atlanta Dispute Resolution, LLC (Woodstock, GA): private and court-annexed mediation and arbitration.
- **Education:**
  - Bachelor of Business Administration, State University of West Georgia.
  - Registered Neutral, Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution (GODR), General Civil. Certification No. 6755-3684-0320-9800.
  - FINRA Certified Arbitrator; Project Management Professional (PMP); MIT AI Certification.
- **ADR Fees:**
  - Mediation: $125 per hour per party (2-hour minimum); half-day (4 hours) $425 per party; full day (8 hours) $850 per party.
  - Mediations can be booked online via our website at www.atlantadispute.com
  - Mediation locations: in person in Metro Atlanta and North Georgia; Zoom available throughout Georgia.
  - Accepts credit card, cash, Zelle, Venmo and Cash App.
  - Flexible scheduling, including evenings and weekends.
- **Email**: info@atlantadispute.com
- **Website:** www.atlantadispute.com

HENRY (HANK) W. KIMMEL, ESQ. 404-735-9132

- **Areas of Experience:** Domestic, Real Estate, Probate, Condominium Association, Landlord-Tenant, Personal Injury, Contracts, Lemon Law.
- **ADR Experience:** Mr. Kimmel has helped settle more than 5,000 disputes (including more than 500 virtually) in Georgia through his private practice and as a mediator in metro Atlanta and surrounding areas. A registered mediator since 1999, Mr. Kimmel has specialized training in Domestic, Domestic Violence, Juvenile, Probate, and Landlord-Tenant mediation – and for Guardian Ad Litem work. He has also served as a mediation coach for the John Marshall Law School, the University of Georgia, Emory University, and the Fulton County Landlord-Tenant program. Mr. Kimmel also has worked extensively as a journalist, playwright, and tennis professional, and brings those related skills to his work as a mediator.

- **Professional Experience:**
  - 2000-present: Principal, Henry W. William, Esq., Mediation Services (GA)
  - 2002-present: Managing Partner, Turtle Bay House Properties LLC (NY)
  - 1999-2001: Executive Director, Georgia Lawyer for the Arts (GA)
- **Education:** Emory School of Law; Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism; and Brown University.
- **ADR Fees:** $275 per hour for zoom, $325 for in-person mediation. Two-hour minimum. Cancellation fee for less than 72 hours notice: $350 if no travel is involved; $500 if travel is involved.
- **Email**: hwkimmel@gmail.com

CHRIS KOOPMANS 706-669-3286

- **Areas of Experience**: Wills, Trusts, Estate and Probate, Business Disputes, Landlord/Tenant, General Civil Disputes, Work Contracts and Workplace Mediation, Credit Card Contracts, Domestic and Divorce, Custody, Parenting time, Contempt, Modification, Legitimation, Same sex cases, Private and Court Mandated Mediation.
- Professional Experience: Chris is a seasoned Mentor and a Registered Mediator for Civil Neutral, Domestic Relations and Probate Mediation through the State of Georgia Supreme Court and Owner, operator of Georgia Mountain Mediation. Chris draws upon her three decades of experience in Academics, Hospitality, Management, Tutoring and Mentoring.
- With more than 25 years dedicated to service in many capacities Chris helps clients to craft a personalized and workable agreement, which may include parenting plans and custody decisions. Every agreement is tailored to individual circumstances and the specific needs of each client. This plays a great role in restoring stability and well-being for clients undergoing the challenging process of civil dispute or divorce. Chris Founded Georgia Mountain Mediation in 2024. Chris also works for The Mediation Center of the Coastal Empire in Savannah
- **Education**: Civil, Domestic and Probate Mediation Training through Kennesaw State University, receiving the knowledge and skills to serve those in need of Mediation. Furthermore, Chris has a degree in Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology from the University of Leiden, The Netherlands, as well as Graduate certificates from the University of Stellenbosch, South Africa, and a certificate in Hospitality and Management from the Florida Atlantic University College of Business.
- **ADR Fees**: $200.00 per hour
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- **Website:** www.georgiamountainmediation.com

SHERI LAKE 404-382-7112

- **Areas of Experience:** Family Law, Divorce, Modifications, Contempt Actions, Child Custody, Parenting Time, Child Support
- **ADR Experience:** In the past 4 years since she became a registered mediator, Sheri has mediated over 500 family law disputes, both court-connected and privately. Sheri is a registered neutral with the GODR and a roster member of Cobb, Gwinnett and Cherokee

counties as well as the 9th Judicial Administrative District, although she has mediated cases throughout metro Atlanta and north Georgia.

- **Professional Experience:** Sheri is an attorney in good standing with the State Bar of Georgia and the State Bar of California. She has been practicing family law for over two decades and today her practice is divided between amicable divorces, mediation and Guardian ad Litem appointments in Superior court.
- **Education:** BA in History, Georgia State University, 1990 magna cum laude; Juris Doctorate, Georgia State University, 1997
- **ADR Fees:** $225.00 per hour for virtual mediations/$250.00 per hour for in person mediations. Two-hour fee charged for cancellations inside of 48 hours and four-hour fee charged for cancellations inside of 24 hours except in the event of medical emergencies, legal conflicts or written settlement of the case. Forms of payment accepted include electronic cash transfer applications (Venmo, CashApp, Zelle or Apple Pay) or credit cards with an additional fee.
- **Email:** sheri@lakemediation.com
- **Website:** www.lakemediation.com

## PHIL M. LANDRUM, III, ESQ. 706-692-6464

- **Areas of Experience:** Civil, Domestic, Probate, Real Estate, School Law, Electric Membership Corporation Disputes.
- **ADR Experience:** Mr. Landrum completed a 20-hour General Mediation Training with the Justice Center of Atlanta, March 2003. Clinical Practicum for Mediation with the Justice Center of Atlanta, June 2003. A 40-hour Divorce Mediation training with Resolution Resources Corporation, October 2003. Divorce Mediation Practicum with Resolutions Resources Corporation, November 2003. Mediating cases involving Domestic Violence, December 2003.
- **Professional Experience:** 1992- Present: Practicing Attorney. 2003-Present: Mediator.
- **Education:** The Citadel, B.A. University of Georgia, School of Law, J.D.
- **ADR Fees:** $250.00 per hour.
- **Email:** phil@appalachianmediationcompany.com
- **Website:** https://appalachianmediationcompany.com/

## D. THOMAS LEFEVRE, ESQ. 770-536-0101

- **Areas of Experience:** Commercial Contracts; Contract Disputes; Construction; Real Estate; Zoning; Eminent Domain; Landlord/Tenant; Personal Injury; Business Relationships; Probate and Civil Matters
- **ADR Experience:** Received Mediation training at the Atlanta Justice Center in August 1992. Became a Certified Mediator in October 1992. Received Early Neutral Evaluation Training in October 1996 and completed Advanced Mediation Training in June 1996. Received Certification as an Arbitrator in April 2002.

- **Professional Experience:** Currently engaged in private law practice in Hall County, Georgia with the law firm of Stewart, Melvin & Frost, LLP. Mediator as of 1992 with the Ninth Judicial Administrative District. Conducting mediations and arbitration hearings for private parties since 1992.
- **Education:** Cumberland School of Law, Samford University, J.D., 1980 North Georgia College, B.S. in Political Science, 1976
- **ADR Fees:** For pricing, please contact Legion Mediation.
- **Email:** tlefevre@smf-law.com
- **Website:** www.smf-law.com

ALYSON LEMBECK, ESQ. 404-233-2800

- **Areas of Experience:** Family Law
- **ADR Experience:** Registered as a mediator in Civil and Domestic cases, as an Arbitrator, and registered in Domestic Violence. Extensive mediation experience.
- **Professional Experience:** Alyson is a partner in the firm of Kaye, Lembeck, Hitt & French Family Law, where she exclusively practices family law. Alyson has practiced family law since 2002. Alyson serves as a *Guardian ad Litem,* in contested custody matters. Alyson is certified in Collaborative Law. Alyson was recognized by her peers as a Georgia Super Lawyer Rising Star in 2010 – through the current year.
- **Education:** Valedictorian of University of Florida 1999 where Alyson received her B.A., JD Emory University School of Law 2002, admitted to practice in Georgia in 2002.
- **ADR Fees:** $350.00 per hour. No cancellation fee.
- **Email:** alembeck@klhffamily.com
- **mediation calendar:** ellisfunk.appointy.com/

VALERIE LYLE 770-535-6909

- **Areas of Experience:** General, Domestic, Domestic Violence Mediations and Arbitration.
- **Professional Experience:** Ninth Judicial Administrative District Office of Dispute Resolution, Director.
- **ADR Fees:** $200.00 per hour.
- **Website:** www.adr9.com

ALAN H. MEINCKE 770-599-5645

- **Areas of Experience:** Domestic and Domestic Violence Mediation. Divorce, modifications, alimony, contempt actions, child custody, visitation, child support, prenuptial enforcement, alimony, and third-party custody.
- **ADR Experience:** Mr. Meincke is a registered Georgia Mediator in the areas of Family Law, Domestic Violence, and General Civil Litigation. As a family law practitioner for over 15 years, Mr. Meincke has participated in hundreds of domestic mediations.

- **Professional Experience:** Before founding his own law firm Meincke Houston Family Law, LLC in 2024, he was a partner at a multiregional firm with over 200 attorneys and also served as a partner at an Atlanta-based litigation firm. His broad legal experience consists primarily of family law but also probate litigation and liability defense throughout Northeast Georgia. Mr. Meincke has successfully litigated hundreds of cases, including those resolved through bench and jury trials, and has argued cases before the Georgia Court of Appeals. Mr. Meincke is a former president of the Forsyth County Bar Association and is on the executive committee of the Hon. Marion T. Pope, Jr. American Inn of Court. Mr. Meincke is admitted to practice in all Georgia courts as well as the Northern District of Georgia and 11th Circuit Court of Appeals. Mediations may be booked online at his law firm's website (address below).
- **Education:** BBA Risk Management & Insurance, University of Georgia, 2007; J.D., University of Georgia School of Law, 2011.
- **ADR Fees:** $350.00 per hour. Two-hour fee charged for cancellations inside of 48 hours, four-hour fee charged for cancellations inside of 24 hours. Forms of payment accepted include cash, checks, Venmo, and credit cards at no extra fee.
- **Email:** alan@mhfamilylawfirm.com
- **Website:** mhfamilylawfirm.com

TRACY ANN MOORE-GRANT, ESQ. 770-889-0846

- **Areas of Experience:** Divorce, Family Violence, Child Support, Custody and Visitation, Contempt, and Civil Litigation.
- **ADR Experience:** Ms. Moore is a registered Georgia Mediator in the areas of Family Law, General Civil Litigation, and Domestic Violence. She is also a registered arbitrator.
- **Professional Experience:** Ms. Moore began practicing law in 2002 with the law firm of Banks & Stubbs, LLP in Cumming, Ga, where she was a partner from 2008-2015 before founding the firm of Patterson Moore Butler. Her background is in all areas of family law and her practice is focused on the North Georgia Area. She specializes in family law litigation and mediation. Ms. Moore is the current coordinator for the Family Law Section of the Forsyth County Bar, former president of the Forsyth County Bar, member of the dispute resolution committee for the Forsyth County Bar and is involved in several community and alumni organizations. Ms. Moore was named 2008 "Woman of Forsyth" and assisted with the development of the 2012 Standing Order in Forsyth County. In 2015, Ms. Moore was awarded the Client Distinction Award from lawyers.com and the Client Satisfaction Award in 2016 from the American Institute of Family Law Attorneys. The firm of Patterson Moore Butler is equipped to host mediations in Cumming, Georgia as they have three conference rooms and attorney offices with a large table to accommodate attorneys and parties. We also travel to your office location to conduct mediations. Mediations can be booked online via their website at www.pattersonmoorebutler.com.

- **Education:** University of North Georgia, B.S., 1999, Major Criminal Justice, Minor in Psychology. University of Memphis School of Law, J.D., 2002, awarded Dean's Award for Best Brief, Dean's Award for Most Persuasive Argument, served as Chief Justice of Mock Trial.
- **ADR Fees:** $275.00 per hour, 2 hour minimum for mediations. 48 hour cancellation required or parties are charged for 2 hours of time.
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JAMES M. OTTLEY, ESQ.

- **Areas of Experience:** General Civil with focus on real estate and commercial lending (contracts, real property, landlord/tenant, boundary line disputes, title matters, and SBA and conventional loan closings).
- **Professional Experience:** Currently practice commercial real estate lending law (primarily 7a and 504 SBA loans). Prior to current commercial lending practice, practiced foreclosure law and real estate title litigation. Currently holds Georgia Real Estate Broker's license and manages a portfolio of single family rental homes. Registered Neutral with GODR.
- **Education:** Duke University, B.A., 1993. University of Georgia School of Law, J.D., cum laude, 1997.
- **ADR Fees:** $250 per hour, 2 hour minimum.
- **Email:** jottley@stoutkaiser.com

HANNAH PALMER 770-888-7150

- **Areas of Experience:** Divorce, custody, parenting time, child support, contempt, modification, legitimation, same sex cases, domestic violence, and landlord tenant
- **Professional Experience:** Mediated hundreds of cases since registering with the GODR as a mediator in 2016. Associate Mediation Trainer with Resolve to Solve, Inc. since 2017. In addition to the 9th District, Hannah is also on the Cobb, Dekalb, Gwinnett, and 7th District ADR lists. Mediates both in person and virtually.
- **Education:** Studied Political Science and Cognitive Science at the University of Georgia (2015). Obtained a Master's in Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation from Abilene Christian University (2017)
- **ADR Fees:** $295 per hour, 2 hour minimum. $590 if cancelled within 48 hours or no show. Accepts Visa, Master Card, Amex, Discover, Zelle, Venmo and Cash App.
- **Email:** resolvetosolve.hannah@yahoo.com
- **Website:** **resolve2solve.com**

## ROB PARKER 404-625-5641

- **Areas of Experience:** General Civil and Domestic.
- **ADR Experience:** Training in General Civil, Domestic, and Domestic Violence mediation. Been mediating since 2015 at all levels of court. Good with unrepresented parties.
- **Education:** B.S. in Psychology from the University of Georgia. J.D. from Georgia State University, College of Law.
- **ADR Fees:** $200.00 per hour. Accepts cash, check, or credit card.
- **Email:** robparkermediation@gmail.com

## JULIUS PETERSON, LCSW, MDIV

- **ADR of Experience:** General Civil Mediation, Domestic Relations Mediation, Domestic Violence Mediation, and Probate Mediation. Experience includes divorce, separate maintenance, modifications, complex family restructuring, high-conflict family dynamics, co-parenting coordination, and communication breakdowns. Specialized experience mediating disputes involving neurodivergent individuals, blended families, and cross-cultural or systemic sensitivities.
- **Professional Experience:** Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) with over 20 years of professional experience in human behavior, communication, and conflict management. Certified Neurodiverse Couples Therapist, Somatic Experiencing Practitioner (SEP), and trained in Internal Family Systems (IFS) Level 2. Registered Civil and Domestic Mediator with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution (GODR). Practice focuses on providing a structured, trauma-informed space to help parties de-escalate tension and reach sustainable, mutually agreeable solutions.
- **Education:** Emory University (2004), Master of Social Service Administration, Case Western Reserve University (MSW 2006) and Master of Divinity, Emory University (MDiv 2014)
- **ADR Fees:** $180.00 per hour (typically split $90/hour per party) with a 2-hour minimum per session. No travel fees for 9th District jurisdictions; virtual mediation preferred.
- **Email:** julius@spacesunseen.com
- **Website:** www.spacesunseen.com

## JENNIFER C. PINSON-HARVEY, ESQ. 770-935-0026

- **ADR of Experience:** Has settled cases or facilitated communications between parties in several thousand private and court-ordered domestic and civil mediations since 1995, including the areas of family law (divorce, custody, modification, legitimation and contempt), contract disputes, collections, personal injury, property issues and various other areas of legal disputes.
- **Professional Experience:** Solo law practice since 1995 specializing in mediations, uncontested divorces, wills and incorporations. Previously worked in state government

relations with the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games, as a Congressional staffer, a municipal law association attorney and an associate in a general law practice.

- **Education:** University of Georgia, A.B.J., 1980. Emory University, M.A., 1982. George Washington University, J.D., 1988.
- **ADR Fees:** $300.00 per hour. Accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express. Cancellation fees apply if notice of cancellation is not received 48 hours prior to scheduled mediation.
- **Accepted Methods of payment:** cash, checks, Zelle, Venmo, CashApp, as well as all major credit and debit cards with a 3% fee.
- **Email:** jenpinhar@gmail.com

BONNIE O. POWELL, ESQ. 404-918-3581

- **Areas of Experience:** Domestic, Landlord/Tenant, Workplace and Probate disputes.
- **ADR Experience:** General civil, domestic, domestic violence, workplace disputes. Also trained in Probate and Juvenile Delinquency and Deprivation.
- **Professional Experience:** Mediator, Arbitrator, Attorney, Adjunct Professor of Dispute Resolution, Director of Fulton Landlord/Tenant Mediation Program.
- **Education:** Bachelor of Science, Florida State University. Juris Doctor, Georgia State University College of Law.
- **ADR Fees:** $325.00 per hour with a minimum of 2 hours; a 2-hour fee will be charged against the cancelling party if cancelled less than 72 hours of session. Payment can be made by cash, Zelle, or credit card.
- **Email:** bonnie@powelladr.com

JOHN WILLIAM RIFE 678-331-3131

- **Areas of Certification:** General & Civil Mediation; Divorce & Family Mediation, Domestic Relations, Domestic Violence; Juvenile Delinquency & Juvenile Dependency; & Probate.
- **Areas of Experience**: Divorce, alimony, equitable division, custody, parenting time, child support modifications, contempt, paternity, legitimation, child support worksheets. General Civil: contract claims, auto damage claims, Trial lawyer for 35 years, trying cases. Previous Insurance Defense counsel, Plaintiff's counsel, and Certified Guardian ad Litem (both Superior and Juvenile Court), prior pro hac Judge in State, and Juvenile Court, as well as a special master**.**
- **Education:** Henderson State University: 1986-1988, Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration; University of Arkansas-Fayetteville: 1989-1991, Juris Doctorate
- **Licensure:** State of Arkansas - April 1992; State of Georgia - September 2000
- **ADR Fees:** $350.00 per hour ($175.00 per party), with a two-hour minimum, 48-hour cancellation policy with a $350.00 cancellation fee/ $700.00 no-show fee. Venmo, credit cards, and law firm checks are accepted.
- **Email:** jrife@rifelawfirm.com
- **Website:** **rifelawfirm.com**

DOLL RITCHIE, M.ED 503-621-2720

- **Areas of Expertise:** General & Civil Mediation; Divorce & Family Mediation, Domestic Relations, Domestic Violence; Juvenile Delinquency & Juvenile Dependency; & Probate.
- **ADR Experience**: Over 8 years mediation experience in Magistrate and Superior Courts and privately scheduled appointments. In person sessions, ZOOM and DocuSign platforms available.
- **Professional Experience**: Owner of Doll Ritchie & Associates, LLC. Certified as neutral mediator for the State of Georgia Office of ADR. Certified as Executive Coach through The Hudson Institute of Santa Barbara. Somatic Awareness Coach. In-depth experience in employer/employee conflict resolution; landlord disputes, contractor and subcontractor disputes, estate disputes, real estate and insurance settlements, contract grievance management and labor bargaining process; patient & long-term care advocacy; adult training and group facilitation. Over twenty-five years as senior executive Human Resources Leader with large, multi-campus healthcare organizations and fifteen years HR professional in Fortune 100 manufacturing & distribution organizations.
- **Education:** Social Work & Psychology, Huntingdon College, B.A.; Organizational & Management Development, Brenau University, M.Ed. Civil General Mediation training at JW Fanning Institute, Arbitration and Domestic Relations Mediation at Henning Mediation Services, Domestic Violence & Family Mediation at Resolve to Solve, Inc. Juvenile Delinquency & Juvenile Dependency; and Probate through GOADR.
- **ADR Fees:** $200.00 per hour/2-hour minimum; 48-hour (Business Days) cancellation notice required or cancellation fee of $200 applies to both parties.
- **Method of payment**: Cash, Credit/Debit card, Venmo, PayPal
- **Email:** Rit329d@gmail.com

DIANE B. SKINNER 404-771-3691

- **Areas of Experience:** Family mediation, divorce, custody, domestic relations, and domestic violence, probate court, elder care, labor and workplace disputes, state court, magistrate court and small claims.
- **ADR Experience:** Registered Mediator with the State of Georgia since 1998, Ms. Skinner has always believed what is in the best interest of the children should be the first priority. Ms. Skinner mediates privately and in court ordered cases. She is also registered with the Ninth Judicial District and the Cobb County Judicial District.
- **Professional Experience:** 1998-Present: Mediator
- **Education:** Georgia State University, 1981.
- **ADR Fees:** $200.00 per hour. $300.00 late cancellation fee or no-show fee.
- **METHODS OF PAYMENT:** Cash or PayPal.
- **Email:** dianebskinner@aol.com
- **Website:** www.dianebskinner.com

JOHN D. SOURS, ESQ. 404-510-4014

- **Areas of Experience: Commercial:** Business to Business Disputes; Internal Business Disputes; Trade Secrets; Insurance Claims and Coverages; Workplace Disputes; Employment Discrimination; Wage-Hour Claims: ADEA Claims
  **Construction and Real Estate**: Residential. Commercial and Government Contracts; Claims and Disputes for Changed and Extra Work; Design Contracts, Claims and Disputes; Residential and Commercial Real Estate; Landlord-Tenant; Office Leasing Boundary Disputes
  **Consumer**: Vehicle Sales, Leasing, financing and Repairs; Lemon Law Disputes; Fraud and Negligence; Debt Collection; Credit Repair; Unfair Business Practices; TCAP, EFTA, and Securities Claims
- **ADR Experience**: AAA Basic and Advanced Mediation and Arbitration Training, 1983-current; Henning Mediation Training,2016; FINRA Mediation and Arbitration Training; registered with Georgia ODR since inception; 9th District ADR training, 2018-current; Served as Mediator in over 300 disputes and as sole or panel Arbitrator in over 100 cases
- **Professional Experience:** Founding partner of Wasson, Sours & Harris, P.C. of Atlanta, with 35+ years of specialized dealings in litigation and dispute resolution in construction, government contract, labor and employment, and real estate matters. Served under Gov. Nathan Deal as Administrator of the Georgia Office of Consumer Protection for 5.5 years. Formulated and taught courses in Construction, Negotiation and ADR, Commercial Real Estate. Labor and HR and related subjects for over 25 years as adjunct professor at Georgia Tech, Southern Poly and Reinhardt, and lectured in CLE courses in 5 states.
- **Education:** A.B. in Government and Economics and J.D in Law, College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA; L.L.M., Georgetown, University, Washington, D.C.
- **ADR Fees:** $120 per hour per party, with payment for two hours in advance, plus reimbursement of filing fee
- **Email Address:** jandcsours@comcast.net

CORTNEY M. STUART POTTS, ESQ. 706-253-3060

- **Areas of Experience:** General Civil and Domestic; Family Law (divorce, custody, child support, legitimation, modification, adoption); magistrate court-small claims; probate, wills, and estates; guardianship; contracts, general practice of law; arbitration
- **ADR Experience**: Ms. Stuart has been a certified Registered mediator since 2019. She is registered and certified in the areas of general civil mediation, domestic relations mediation, specialized domestic violence mediation, and non-binding arbitration. Ms. Stuart has conducted hundreds of mediations in the areas of divorce, custody, child support, parenting time, alimony, legitimation, adoption, child support, civil cases, will contests, probate matters, personal injury, and business disputes.
- **Professional Experience:** Ms. Stuart was admitted to the practice of law in 2012. She is licensed in Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, and Washington D.C. She is currently a practicing attorney at Marger Stuart Law and was previously with Edwin Marger in practice until his passing. Ms. Stuart's practice is a small-town law firm hoping to aid all that come in the

door. As a result, Ms. Stuart has a wide variety of experience in different legal areas. However, most of her practice is domestic relations, probate and estate law, and criminal defense. Ms. Stuart also serves as Guardian ad Litem in contested custody matters, probate, and juvenile matters.

- **Education:** University of Georgia Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Criminal Justice, and Sociology (2007); Florida Coastal School of Law Juris Doctor (2011)
- **ADR Fees:** $250.00 per hour, 2 hour minimum, $500 cancellation fee if cancelled less than two (2) business days.
- **Mediation services offered:** Ms. Stuart offers in person, virtual, and hybrid mediation sessions in all areas listed above. Moreover, Marger Stuart Law (Ms. Stuart's firm) is equipped to host mediation sessions with three conference rooms and several breakout rooms, if requested.
- **Email:** cortney@margerstuartlaw.com
- **Website:** www.margerstuartlaw.com

VANESSA E. SYKES, ESQ. 770-532-6312

- **Areas of Experience:** Family law (divorce, custody, parenting time, contempt, modification, legitimation, domestic violence); general civil law; employment law; personal injury; condemnation; landlord/tenant.
- **Professional Experience:** Licensed attorney since 2001, with focus in family law since 2011. Registered mediator with Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution since 2020. Has served as a Guardian ad Litem for Superior and Juvenile Courts in Georgia since 2012.
  Staff Attorney for Hon. C. Andrew Fuller of the Superior Courts of the Northeastern Judicial Circuit 2001-2006. Assistant District Attorney for Hall County District Attorney's Office 2006-2011. Partner at Hulsey, Oliver & Mahar, LLP in Gainesville, Georgia 2011 to present. Has handled jury trials, bench trials, appeals, oral arguments, motion practice, mediation, and general litigation.
- **Education:** ABJ from the University of Georgia, Magna Cum Laude, 1998. JD from the University of Georgia, Cum Laude, 2001. Admitted to practice in the Superior and State Courts of Georgia, Georgia Court of Appeals, Georgia Supreme Court and the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia.
- **ADR Fees:** $275.00 per hour, two hour minimum. Fees to be paid on the date of mediation. Accepts cash, checks and credit cards. $275.00 cancellation fee if cancelled within 48 hours or no show.
- **ADR Preferences:** Available to host at Hulsey, Oliver & Mahar, LLP, by Zoom, or will travel to counsel's office. No travel fee imposed.
- **Email/Website :** ves@homlaw.com and www.homlaw.com

**GRAY TERRY** **770-309-3251**

- **Areas of Experience** – Has mediated over 1000 cases concerning civil disputes. He has substantial experience as a court and private mediator in the State of Georgia. Has been a

registered mediator/arbitrator since 2000. Is able to incorporate his previous experience to help resolve conflicts and disputes.

- **Areas of Expertise**: Probate cases, contract disputes, and General Civil Litigation
- **Professional Experience** – Vice president of two banks in Atlanta, GA. Has been a mediator for over a thousand cases serving superior, state, probate, and magistrate court, and is currently an arbitration/mediation consultant.
- **Education** – BBA in Finance from University of Alabama in 1982; MBA from Samford University. Also received his Paralegal certificate from Emory University in 2006.
- **Fees** - $150 per hour, or $1,000 for a full day (8 hour duration)
- **Email**- gray.terry@yahoo.com

**CLINT TESTON, ESQ.** **470-892-2204**

- **Areas of Experience** – **Family Law** - Divorce, Custody, Visitation, Child Support, Contempt, Legitimation; **Personal Injury** – Car Wrecks, Work Injuries, Wrongful Death; **General Civil** – Landlord/Tenant, Real Property, General Torts
- **Professional Experience** – Trial attorney for 14 years in family law, criminal defense, personal injury and general civil litigation. I have the real-world knowledge to know what to expect a judge and/or jury may do if the case goes to trial and I can help tailor a mediated solution based on that information which also takes into account the needs and desires of each party. I've owned my own law practice in Gainesville, GA for the past 7 years.
- **Education** – BBA in Finance from North Georgia College and State University (now University of North Georgia) in 2007; JD from University of Georgia Law School in 2010.
- Certified Mediator in Civil and Domestic law and qualified to mediate cases involving allegations of domestic abuse.
- **Fees** - $250 per hour, 2 hour minimum. Cancellation fee of $250 if mediation is cancelled within 48 hours of the scheduled date.
- L**ocation** – My office is located in Gainesville, GA. I have two conference rooms and can host mediation upon request. I also mediate offsite through Zoom if preferred.
- **Email**- clint@testonburruss.com

**NATALIE V TESTON, ESQ.** **1-888-TESTON1 (ASK FOR DAWN)**

- **Areas of Experience:** Divorce, Custody, Legitimation, Domestic Violence, Contempt, General Civil Litigation

- **Professional Experience:** Natalie has been a family law attorney for thirteen years. She and her award winning team recently opened her own firm, Natalie Teston Family Law on Green Street in Gainesville, Georgia. Natalie has helped approximately a thousand families in Northeast Georgia through representation, Guardian ad Litem work and Mediation. She has vast experience with complex custody cases and complicated/high asset divorce cases
- **Education:** University of Georgia, B.A. History 2008, University of Georgia, B.A. International Affairs 2008, University of Georgia School of Law, J.D. 2011
- **ADR Fees:** $275.00 per hour, two (2) hour minimum
- **Email:** natalie@natalietestonfamilylaw.com
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**PAOLA TORSELLI, ESQ.** **404-939-2062**

- **Areas of Experience:** Paola is a bilingual Mediator (English and Spanish), Family Law Attorney and Criminal Defense Attorney.
- **ADR Experience:** Paola is a registered bilingual neutral, able to mediate in English or in Spanish, as needed, preferably via Zoom. Paola utilizes her Family Law and life experience to assist parties and counsel to work to reach a compromise.
- **Professional Experience:** Paola has been an attorney since 1998, starting her career as a Public Defender with DeKalb County for 13 ½ years. She then founded Torselli Law Firm, LLC, in 2012 and added Family Law to her practice. She has worked in both areas of law, with a concentration in Family Law. In 2019, Paola trained to become a Mediator, making her a seasoned litigator, who understands that sometimes reaching a compromise, with compassion, is what best benefits a case involving families.
- **Education:** Paola attended the Georgia State College of Law on a part-time basis, while working full-time at Bank of America and at SunTrust (now Truist). She earned her Juris Doctor Degree in 1998. Prior to that, she attended Furman University, where she earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1992, with a double major in Political Science and Spanish studies.
- **Languages:** Paola speaks English and Spanish fluently, with Spanish being her first language.
- **Fees:** $250.00/hour, with a one-hour cancellation fee (less than 24 hours' notice)
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RICHARD DAVID TUNKLE, ESQ 706-782-4285

- **Areas of Experience:** Practicing attorney in Georgia since 1980 with vast experience in family law, divorce, child custody, child support, custody modification cases, grandparent custody cases, property dispute cases, civil litigation in general.
- **ADR Experience:** Trained and certified neutral, registered as a general and domestic relations mediator, registered as domestic violence/intimate partner violence **mediator, registered as probate mediator** and registered with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution.
- **Professional Experience:** Served as Chief Magistrate of Rabun County, Georgia from 1983 until 2000. Sat as Superior Court Judge by designation in the Mountain Judicial Circuit. Presenter at the Family Law Institute and registered mediator. Prevailing counsel in the **seminal** grandparent custody case of Wade v. Clark, 273 Ga. 587 (2001), cited in court decisions nationwide in appellate decisions in grandparent custody cases.
- **Education:** University of Georgia, B.A. in 1977 and University of Georgia School of Law, J.D. in 1980.
- **ADR Fees:** $250.00 per hour, 2 hour minimum, $500.00 no show/cancellation fee for less than a 48 hour notice.
- **Email:** janice@etsrabunlaw.com

REBECCA R. WATTS 678-787-3203

- **Areas of Experience:** Family law, divorce, child custody, child support, custody modification, and workplace disputes.
- **ADR and Professional Experience:** 2016 – Present: General civil and family law mediation, in person and via Zoom. Registered Neutral with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution. Experienced in Georgia child support calculations, Zoom and DocuSign. 2022 – Present: Data Analyst with specialty in Excel, Workflow and DataScan.
- **Education and Publications:** Brenau University, B.A. Conflict Resolution & Legal Studies, Cum Laude, 2007; Brenau University, B.A. Music Performance , Cum Laude, 2007; Georgia Northwestern Technical College, Certificate of Medical Billing and Coding, 2023.
- **ADR Fees:** $180.00 per hour, 2-Hour Minimum, 24-Hour Cancellation Notice required or $350 Fee Applied. Accepts cash, card, Zelle or CashApp.
- **Availability:** Unavailable to mediate during the months of January – April. Limited availability during the months of September and October. Additional availability after 5:00 p.m. and on weekends.
- **Email:** wattsmediation@gmail.com

F. MARIAN WEEKS, ESQ. 770-218-2600

- **Areas of Experience:** Family Law. Domestic Relations Attorney.
- **Professional Experience:** I have been practicing domestic law in the State of Georgia for over 35 years. My main concentration in the law is the area of Domestic Relations. I

have been a certified mediator since 1993. I have been certified as an Arbitrator for over 25 years. I have extensive experience in handling both bench and jury trials. I mediate over 50 domestic cases per year. I also have experience in collaborative law.

- **Education:** Florida State University, B.S., 1966. Woodrow Wilson College of Law, J.D., 1980.
- **ADR Fees:** $250.00 per hour. I accept cash and checks.
- **Email:** marian@fmweekspc.com, m.weeks@fmweekspc.com

JOSHUA WELCH, ESQ. 770-535-0225

- **Experience:** Joshua was born and raised in North Georgia. He currently lives in Braselton with his wife and children. Joshua served in the United States Marine Corps in the aviation field for six years.Joshua has experience in all manner of domestic relations litigation, including divorce; child custody, visitation, and child support; alimony and spousal support; paternity issues and legitimation of children; post-divorce issues; grandparent and third party custody/visitation; child welfare and advocacy; probate matters, and personal injury actions. Ninth District Opportunity Board Member Georgia Association of Counsel for Children (GACC) Board Member State Bar of Georgia; Georgia Court of Appeals; U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia; Supreme Court of Georgia; American Bar Association; Gainesville Bar Association (Northeastern Judicial Circuit)"
- **Education:** J.D., John Marshall Law School; B.A., North Georgia College and State University
- **ADR Fees:** $350 per hour, 2-hour minimum, Accepts Cash, Check, Venmo, Cashapp, or Card. 3.5% processing fee for use of card or Cashapp. $200 cancellation fee if cancelled within 2 business days

MICHELLE E. WEST, ESQ. 404-441-4612

- **Areas of ADR Experience**: Collection, Construction, Contracts, Corporate, Civil (General), Domestic, Domestic Violence Insurance, Landlord-Tenant, Employment Law, Labor/management, Personal Injury, Property, Juvenile, Probate, Workplace.
- **Experience:** Ms. West is a registered neutral with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution in civil and domestic matters. She offers both private and court ordered mediation. Ms. West has over 20 years of experience in practicing law in Georgia and over 15 years in mediation. She has practiced in the areas of family law, immigration, real-estate, landlord-tenant, estate planning, probate and small business. Ms. West is also a trained Guardian Ad Litem and Arbitrator, a member of the Gwinnett County Bar Association, and a past President of the Georgia Association for Women Lawyers, Statewide and Gwinnett Chapter. She also has experience in mediating international child abduction cases pursuant to the Hague Convention.
- **Professional Experience**:
  2023 – Present: Gwinnett County Magistrate Judge (Part-time). Designated to sit in Superior Court; State Court; Probate Court and Juvenile Court

2022 – Present: MeWe Consults, LLC, Founder and Principal
2019 – 2022: State Bar of Georgia, Director, Institute of Continuing Legal Education, Atlanta, GA
2013 – 2019: State Bar of Georgia, Director, Transition into Law Practice Program, Atlanta, GA
2006 - 2014: M. West Legal, LLC, Lilburn, GA
2005 – 2006: Law Office of Green & Associates, Atlanta, GA
2002- 2005: Georgia Legal Services, Gainesville, GA

- **Education**: Emory University School of Law, J.D., 2002; Georgetown University, B.S.F.S.., 1997
- **ADR Fees:** $250 per hour, virtual or in-person. Accepts cash and credit cards
- **Email: michelle@meweconsults.com**

## NEDRA L. WICK, ESQ. 678-612-1031

- **Professional Experience:** Ms. Wick has been a licensed attorney in the State of Georgia since 1995. In 2001, she focused her practice on ADR, a field with which she first became involved in 1977. As a registered mediator in Georgia, Ms. Wick also arbitrates cases nationwide. She is certified for court selection in the Sixth, Seventh, Ninths, Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, and Gwinnett Judicial Districts. She has served as a Mediator in over 2,500 disputes. Ms. Wick teaches a basic and advanced mediation class with the Mediation Training Institute/Atlanta Divorce Mediators. She has been featured on WABE Georgia Public Radio.
- **ADR Fees:** $250.00 per hour, 48-hour cancellation notice required or $350.
- **Email:** nlwick@bellsouth.net
- **Website:** www.wickmediation.com

## JUDGE RICHARD T. WINEGARDEN 678-576-5444

- **Areas of Experience:** Domestic Law, Divorce, Child Custody, Child Support and Modification cases, contracts, commercial, personal injury property, zoning and land use, condemnations, municipal and county government cases, school cases, real estate, trust and estates, utility matters, banking, landlord/tenant, and criminal law. .
- **ADR Experience:** Registered as a General and Domestic Mediator and as an Arbitrator with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution. Judge Winegarden has been involved with ADR principles for 21 years as a Superior Court Judge. He was trained as a General Mediator by Ansley Barton, J.D. and Susan Raines. He was also trained as a Domestic Mediator by Henning Mediation and Arbitration Services, Inc. Judge Winegarden also received required Arbitrator training from Henning.
- **Professional Experience:** 1987-2008: Superior Court Judge, Gwinnett Judicial Circuit. 2000-2002: Ninth District Administrative Judge. 1983-1987: State Court Judge, Gwinnett Judicial Circuit. 1976-1983: Attorney in Private Practice. 1974-1976: Gwinnett County Assistant District Attorney.

- **Education:** University of Michigan, BBA, 1971. Wayne State University, College of Law, J.D., 1974. National Judicial College Graduate.
- **ADR Fees:** $185.00 per hour.
- **Email:** winega_r@bellsouth.net

AMANDA H. YENERALL, ESQ. 470-419-0644

- **Areas of Experience**: Personal Injury; Wrongful Death; Insurance Defense; Commercial Construction; Insurance Disputes; General Civil Litigation; Workers' Compensation.
- **Professional Experience**: Ms. Yenerall has an extensive background in insurance disputes, including personal injury, wrongful death, construction, landlord/tenant and workers' compensation. She is a member of the State Bar of Georgia and the Gainesville-Northeastern Bar Association and is admitted to practice in Georgia Court of Appeals, the Supreme Court of Georgia and in federal court for the Northern Completed in person training & Practicum at the Center for Conflict Management School of Conflict Management, Peacebuilding, and Development (2024) at KSU.
- District of Georgia. She is a part-time Magistrate Judge in Dawson county and has been a mediator since 2007.
- Staff Counsel, Amtrust (2023-present); Partner at Stewart, Melvin & Frost, LLP (2013 – 2023), Associate Attorney (2007 – 2013); Previous: Stephens & Shuler (2000 – 2006).
- **Education**: Gainesville State College, A.A. (1998); North Georgia College & State University, B.S. (2000); John Marshall Law School - Atlanta, J.D. (2007).
- **ADR Fees:** $300.00 per hour (2 hour minimum).
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