PROBATE MEDIATORS

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 Master's 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 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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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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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% processing fee applied
- **Mediation Locations:** In person throughout North Georgia, or via Zoom
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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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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.

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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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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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.
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- **Website:** To check availability and schedule mediation: https://julieernst.com; For those interested in divorce: https://agreetodivorce.com

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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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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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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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 ; Available on short notice
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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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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.
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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.
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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.
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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:** $275.00 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.
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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/

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**

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. $310 if commuting is necessary.
- **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

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

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

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

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

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**