**MEDIATOR LIST**

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Bio: Mr. Abell is an attorney who practices primarily in the Chattahoochee Circuit and other surrounding Circuits.  His practice consists of family law, probate guardianships and conservatorships, mental health law, Guardian ad Litem appointments, and civil and domestic mediations.  In addition, Mr. Abell serves as County Solicitor for the Stewart County Probate Court in Lumpkin, Georgia, prosecuting traffic citations for Stewart County.  Prior to becoming a practicing attorney, Mr. Abell worked in a corporate business environment for approximately twenty (20) years, being responsible for management, sales, marketing, and budgeting.  He had received his Civil and Domestic Mediation training from Henning Mediation and Arbitration, Inc. in Atlanta, Georgia.  He is a registered mediator with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution in Civil and Domestic (Family Law) mediations.

Hourly fee: $200.00

Available counties: ALL

**Registered: General Civil and Domestic**

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Bio: John Allen has a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Tuskegee University. He received his J. D. from Levin College of Law at the University of Florida in 1975. He was a Captain in the Air Force. He had a private practice from 1976-1987 when he became a State Court Judge. He was elected as Superior Court Judge in 1993 and served until 2013. He received the Tradition of Excellence Award from the State Bar of Georgia and The Emory Findley Award for Outstanding Judicial Service. He is a frequent lecturer at CJE and CLE Programs.

Hourly Fee: $250.00

Available Counties: ALL

**Registered: General Civil & Arbitration**

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Bio: Anne-Marie Amiel served in the Royal Navy after graduating high school, and then obtained two law degrees from the London School of Economics and King’s College. After coming to America in the 1980’s to work in the maritime environmental law field she was admitted to practice law in New York and Virginia. Working for a non-profit organization handling civil rights and discrimination matters, most of her practice was before the United States Supreme Court. Over the course of her career, Ms. Amiel has worked in the fields of medicine, international law and employment law. She has developed and implemented many training programs, and run her own retail business. Currently Ms. Amiel is the Risk Manager for a large public entity, handling liability claims, workers’ compensation, insurance and loss control/safety programs. Ms. Amiel is a graduate of The Justice Center of Atlanta mediation training program and a registered Neutral with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution.

Hourly Fee: $200.00

Available Counties: ALL

**Registered: General Civil**

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Bio: Jeff Alperin’s professional experience is broad and varied enabling him to bring to every assignment:  the pragmatism of a business executive and entrepreneur, the technical expertise and analytical insight of a lawyer and law professor, and the heart of a lay leader of various non-profit organizations. He is co-Founder and CEO of cc:Clients, LLC, a content marketing company serving law firms and other professional service firms. cc:Clients creates and delivers customized news-based communication products, including e-mail newsletters, microsites and news feeds. Mr. Alperin is a veteran executive with more than 25 years senior management experience in the online information and e-commerce industries. He served as General Counsel and as COO of Information America, a provider of online public records information to the legal and financial services markets, and as president of Wine Access, a provider of e-mail newsletters and other electronic marketing tools for wine retailers. Previously, he was vice president of Security First Network Bank, the world’s first internet bank. Mr. Alperin began his career as a corporate and technology attorney at Powell, Goldstein, Frazer & Murphy in Atlanta and has taught Contract Drafting and Deal Skills as an Adjunct Professor at Emory Law School. He is also a general civil mediator registered with the Georgia Commission on Dispute Resolution. He is a magna cum laude graduate of Brown University, and his JD is from the University of Chicago Law School. Mr. Alperin has served on the boards of a number of arts and social service non-profit organizations including Theatrical Outfit, Arts Festival of Atlanta, and Families First. He was the board president of Jewish Educational Loan Fund and is the president-elect of Jewish Family & Career Services.

Hourly Fee: $200.00

Available Counties: ALL

**Registered: General Civil**

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Bio: For the last 20 years, Mr. Ammerman has been a successful business owner in Columbus, GA in a variety of construction and real estate related ventures. Prior to starting his own businesses he worked for larger Fortune 500 companies, Honeywell and Armstrong World Industries. He is a graduate of Auburn University with a Bachelor’s of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering and has his Master’s in Business Administration with an emphasis on Finance from the University of North Carolina. Mr. Ammerman has completed training in both Civil and Domestic Mediation. His primary interests lie in the areas of Small Business, Divorce and Estate issues.

Hourly fee: $180.00

Available Counties: ALL

**Registered: General Civil and Domestic**

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Bio: Arlene Baker is an attorney with more than 40 years of legal experience in a wide variety of civil matters. She graduated from Howard University Law School in 1971. She served as corporate counsel for Commercial Credit Company in Baltimore, therefore she has extensive experience in finance and business matters. She worked as an attorney for the Small Business Administration in Washington, DC which included working with small businesses regarding formation, acquisition or finance, government contracts and business development. She has been in private practice for more than 25 years. During that time she has represented clients in thousands of civil cases including probate and estates, contracts, personal injury, construction law, business matters and debtors and creditors rights. She is also certified in Domestic Mediation. She has attended and represented clients in many mediation conferences, negotiated settlements and represented clients in civil trials.

Hourly fee: $150.00

Available Counties: ALL

**Registered: General Civil, Domestic, Juvenile**

**Dorothy Bass**

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Bio: Dorothy Humphrey-Bass is a registered neutral with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution. Her areas of expertise include general and juvenile mediations. She has 24 years experience as an educator and is a certified paralegal. Dorothy is a graduate of Columbus State University and Atlanta Area Technical College.

Hourly fee: $200.00

Available Counties: ALL

**Registered: General Civil, Juvenile**

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**Bio:    Dr Venessa Battle**is a certified General Civil Mediator with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution. She received her training from Kennesaw State University's School of Conflict Management, Peace Building and Development. Dr. Battle is retired from AT&T, Lucent Technologies, & Avaya Communications where she was employed as an Operations Manager. This job entailed building relationships with clients, negotiating contracts, attending Union Grievances and managing over 150 Associates. She is currently the USA Chancellor for Kingdom Covenant Leadership Institute in the education field. She has several Doctoral Degrees in Leadership Management and Theology as well as she has been used to help in settling various types of disputes. Dr. Battle is mobile and will travel to different areas of the state.

Hourly fee: $100.00

Available Counties: All

**Registered: General Civil**

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Bio: Mr. Berlin is an attorney, arbitrator, mediator, mediator coach, neutral evaluator and trainer of neutrals. He is registered with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution. Bob has experience in handling ADR cases numbering in excess of 4,000 civil and family law mediations since 1968. Mr. Berlin is an Association of Conflict Resolution (ACR) Advanced Practitioner Mediator. He is a member in good standing with the State Bar of Georgia, Georgia Chapter of ACR and the Georgia Mediators Association. He received his mediation training through GSU Law School, Neighborhood Justice Centers of Atlanta, University of Miami Law School and Isoline Ricci’s New Family Center.

Hourly fee: $250.00

Available Counties: ALL

**Registered: General Civil, Domestic, Domestic Violence, Arbitration, Neutral Evaluation, Mediator/Mediation Coaching**

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Bio: Nicholas Bolden is a native of Mt. Vernon, Alabama. Nicholas earned a Doctorate degree in Public Administration and Policy from Auburn University (2014), a MPA degree from Troy University (2009), and a B.A. in Political Science from Auburn University (2006). His diverse professional background includes over ten years of research and practical experience in education and state and local government. His experience includes work in the Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Alabama, The City of Auburn Judicial division, and Auburn University Government and Economic Development Institute.

Currently, Nicholas is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Politics, Philosophy, and Public Administration at Columbus State University. His teaching and research includes state and local politics, public policy, constitutional law, and public human resource management. In addition to his professional career, Nicholas is active at his local church, and a member of the Auburn University Dean’s advisory council.

Hourly fee: $175.00

Available Counties: All

**Registered: General Civil**

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Bio: Stacy Bondurant is an experience attorney who has practiced civil and family law since 1997. She graduated from Mercer University with a B.A. and from the Walter F. George Law School at Mercer University. Ms. Bondurant is a member of the Georgia Bar Association and Georgia Association of Women Lawyers. Trained and state certified as a mediator in both general civil and domestic arenas, she is also trained as a Collaborative Attorney.

Hourly fee: $250.00

Available Counties: ALL

**Registered: General Civil, Domestic and Domestic Violence**

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Bio: Dr. Marsha Brown has been in private practice in Georgia for more than 10 years as a family counselor with specialized training in Cognitive-Behavior Therapy (CBT), Rational Emotional Behavior Therapy (REBT), and Person-Centered. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) and a National Board Certified Counselor (NCC). Also, she has experience in the education sector focusing on counseling of children and adolescents in a school setting, as well as an adjunct professor in higher education. Dr. Brown is an expert with counseling clients with life issues such as: divorce, parenting after divorce, family dysfunction, relationship difficulties, partnership problems, and complex families. She hosts several workshops on parenting/co-parenting, marriage, life issues, and conflict resolution. In addition to her work experience, Dr. Brown is trained in the areas of Civil, Domestic and Juvenile Delinquency Mediation resulting in a certification as a Court Mediator for the State of Georgia. Her training includes assisting parties of thinking outside the box with creating positive, complete, equitable, enduring and workable solutions to their conflicts. Dr. Brown’s counseling and crises expertise aids her in helping parties see the issues with developing positive and creative way of reaching an agreement using a non-threatening and ethical environment with competence and compassion.

Hourly fee: $200.00

Available Counties: ALL

**Registered: General Civil, Domestic and Juvenile Delinquency and Dependency**

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Bio: Jerry Buchanan is a mediator and arbitrator registered with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution. He is also a Supreme Court Certified Circuit Court mediator in the State of Florida.

Jerry has practiced law in Columbus, Georgia for the last 40 years, handling litigation and trial matters for both plaintiffs and defendants. His litigation experience spans a wide range of matters, including construction disputes; serious personal injury and wrongful death matters for both plaintiffs and defendants; products liability; medical malpractice claims for both plaintiffs and defendants; nursing home abuse and injuries; electrical contact cases; and virtually every other kind of litigated matter imaginable. He was also selected by Plaintiff and Defense counsel to serve as a special master/mediator in a large number of medical device implant cases pending in a Federal Court MDL in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia. He has mediated to a successful settlement hundreds of cases in that MDL. Jerry has mediated cases all over Georgia and elsewhere for the last 25 years but has only recently become a registered neutral in Georgia.

Hourly fee: $450.00

Available Counties: ALL

**Registered: General Civil and Arbitration**

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Bio: Leslie L. Cohn has been a practicing attorney for over 31 years. A major portion of Mr. Cohn’s practice has been in the field of family law, to include, but not limited to, divorces and custody. Mr. Cohn has completed training by Resolve, Inc. on Mediation Skills for Success as well as the training conducted by the Collaborative Law Institute entitled Collaborative Family Law. This training was approved by the Professionals in Dispute Resolution (SPIDR). He is a registered mediator with the Office of Dispute Resolution.

Hourly fee: $250.00

Available Counties: ALL

**Registered: General Civil, Domestic and Domestic Violence**

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Bio: John J. Coley, or “Joe” as his friends know him, is a lifelong resident of Columbus, Georgia. Joe completed his undergraduate degree (B.S.) at Columbus College in 1985 majoring in Criminal Justice. Joe continued his education earning two additional degrees, a Masters Degree in Education (MEd) in 1995, specializing in educational psychology and a Masters Degree in Public Administration (MPA) in 1996, with a specialization in justice administration from Columbus State University. Mr. Coley is a graduate of The Justice Center of Atlanta, Georgia and is a registered Neutral with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution. Joe works as a legal and political researcher for former Columbus, Georgia Mayor and Attorney Bob Poydasheff and he has served on the Mayors Committee for the Disabled. In addition, with Mayor Poydasheff, he co-instructs a legal Para-professional course at the Columbus State University Continuing Education Center. Joe is a veteran of the United States Army and is Honorably Discharged. Mr. Coley is a former law enforcement officer and has served as a Columbus Police Officer, a Chattahoochee County Deputy Sheriff and a Columbus Metropolitan Airport Police Officer. Joe has served on a number of Muscogee County School Districts committees and is the District 5 citizens roundtable representative. Coley is a member and very in the National Eagle Scout Association. Mr. Coley is, and has been very active in the Chattahoochee Council Boy Scouts of America (former board member) as a District Commissioner. He was a founding board member of The Better Way Foundation, which is a local non-profit working to assist individuals and families dealing with HIV. Coley is a current board member of the Port Columbus National Civil War Naval Museum and is a contributing writer for Civil War Times Magazine. Joe is a founding member of Chaplain Paul Voorhees Ministries, Inc. and volunteers a significant amount of time helping with community organizations. He is one of the hosts of the Ranger Joe’s God and Country Radio show, which he hosts live, two days a week. Joe is married to the former Patricia Tompkins and they have 4 grown children and 4 grandchildren.

Hourly fee: $150.00

Available Counties: ALL

**Registered: General Civil and Domestic, Domestic Violence and Juvenile**

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Bio: Rick spent the first six (6) years of practice as an active duty U.S. Army JAG Officer, prosecuting, defending, physical evaluation board and legal assistance officer with another seven (7) years reserve duty as a prosecutor. Admitted to the Army Court of Military review and COMA. In 1984, began civil trial practice with Page, Scrantom, assisting in medical malpractice, various wrongful death and insurance defense, products liability as plaintiff and defendant, along with child support recovery and DFACS counsel in Juvenile Court. From 1988 to the present, practice extensively in debt collection, creditor rights, landlord – tenant disputes, small business formation and representation; complex civil and bankruptcy litigation, service as counsel to various Chapter 7 trustees; Estate litigation, service as guardian ad litem. Participated in100’s of Court appearances and trials, appeals to Courts of Appeals and the Supreme Courts in Alabama and Georgia; trials and appeals in bankruptcy and U.S. District Court, 11th Circuit and U.S. Supreme Court. Admitted to the U.S. Tax Court. Since 2015, served as Pro Hac Judge in Municipal Court of Columbus and associate Magistrate Court judge in Muscogee County on as needed basis.

Hourly fee: $250.00

Available Counties: ALL

**Registered: General Civil**

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Bio: Andrew Friede is a skilled mediator who has helped resolve a wide variety of complex family, medical, and business disputes. His core strength is understanding the fundamental needs of the parties, and then helping them articulate their goals, have a dignified dialogue, and develop practical solutions based on shared interests. His interest and expertise in mediation grew out of a 30-year career as a researcher and executive in medicine, business, and information systems, where he developed a reputation for having outstanding listening and interpersonal skills; he was a sought-after coach and mentor. He was the go-to person for resolving seemingly intractable disputes between managers, staff, and clients. After training in medicine, pediatrics, and preventive medicine, he was a CDC researcher focused on the diseases of infants and mothers; he later moved to the CDC’s computer office, where he led the development of very large-scale computer systems used for public health research. In 1995, he won CDC’s Equal Opportunity Award for advancing the role of women in the workplace. For the last 20 years, he was worked in small, medium, and large (Fortune 1000) product, services, and consulting firms as a senior executive overseeing a wide variety of medical, scientific, and business functions; and also founded two medical software startups. Dr. Friede earned his MD at Johns Hopkins and his MPH at Harvard, where he also completed his Residency in Preventive Medicine. He is Board Certified in Preventive Medicine and Public Health and is an Elected Fellow of the American College of Medical Informatics. He is a Licensed Physician and a Registered Neutral in Georgia for both General Civil and Domestic Relations. He has had extensive advanced training in General Mediation, Domestic and Family Mediation, and Domestic Violence Mediation. Dr. Friede serves on the Board of Directors of PD Gladiators, a non-profit dedicated to combating Parkinson’s Disease with vigorous exercise.

Hourly Fee: $175.00 ($1200/day maximum)

Available Counties: ALL

**Registered: General Civil and Domestic**

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Bio: Kimberly Gill has received a Masters Degree from Auburn University in Public Administration and is currently pursuing a PhD in Public Policy with an emphasis in public law. She is employed by the Department of Political Science at Auburn University as a research and teaching assistant. She received her mediation training through Resolution Resources Corporation and Atlanta Divorce Mediators, Inc.

Hourly fee: $150.00 (2 hour minimum)

Available Counties: ALL

**Registered: General Civil and Limited Domestic and Domestic Violence**

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Bio: Thomas E. Greer is a 1975 graduate of the University of Georgia School of Law. Mr. Greer was a partner in the law firm of Tisinger, Vance and Greer from 1977 until August of 2006. He now operates his mediation and arbitration practice under Thomas E. Greer, LLC. He has tried between 150 and 200 personal injury, medical malpractice, commercial, products liability, and family law cases in jury trial settings. He has also appeared and argued before the United State Supreme Court, and has made multiple appearances in the Georgia Appellate Courts and the 11th Circuit Federal Court of Appeals. Mr. Greer has evaluated for settlement or trial more than 2,000 personal injury cases and more than 1,500 domestic cases. He also served as Juvenile Court Judge of Carroll County for twelve years where he adjudicated more than 2,000 custody cases. Mr. Greer has participated as a lawyer or a mediator in more than 2,000 mediations or arbitrations. He completed his original mediation training at Collaborative Dispute Resolution Associates, an internationally recognized training center for mediators and arbitrators in Boulder, Colorado, and did his Arbitration training at Henning Mediation & Arbitration in Atlanta. He is a registered Mediator and a registered Arbitrator in the State of Georgia and mediates and arbitrates in the areas of personal injury (including automobile, premises liability and coverage issues), medical malpractice, legal malpractice, products liability, family law, estates, commercial litigation, workplace disputes and bank work-out disputes.

Hourly fee: $400.00/with a 3 hour minimum plus an administrative fee of $300.00

Available Counties: Atlanta area, Coweta, Griffin, Cobb, Douglas, Paulding, Rome, Middle, Tallapoosa

**Registered: General Civil and Arbitration**

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Bio: Mr. Harcourt is a retired Airline Captain living in his hometown of Columbus, GA. He is quite knowledgeable with aviation and military matters and has an interest in railroads, medical and any accident issues. He received his training from the New DMA in Macon, GA.

Hourly fee: $150.00

Available Counties: ALL

**Registered: General Civil**

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Bio: Mr. Harp is Board Certified in Civil Trial Advocacy by the National Board of Trial Advocacy ([www.nblsc.us](http://www.nblsc.us) ). He concentrates his law practice in personal injury cases in particularly under the F.E.L.A., representing railroad families. He is registered with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution and received his mediation training from the University of Georgia. He has participated in trials in more than five states and is a member of the bars of Alabama and Georgia. He has represented well over a thousand families in his thirty plus year career. He served as National President for the Marine Corps. Reserve Officers Association. He has several articles published nationally on the subject of traumatic brain injury and spinal cord injury.

Hourly fee: $250.00 (3 hour minimum) plus $200 administrative fee

Available Counties: ALL

**Registered: General Civil**

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Bio: Davis Hewitt is a certified civil mediator, registered with the Georgia Supreme Court Commission on Dispute Resolution. He is also an experienced trial attorney with over 42 years of experience. He is a former Assistant Attorney General and Special Assistant Attorney General with much experience in complex class action cases in all three Georgia Federal Districts. Davis has handled complex cases involving wrongful death, civil rights, police liability, construction defects, environmental claims, products liability, auto and truck accidents, personal injury claims, medical and dental malpractice, will and estate disputes, contracts, sexual harassment, sex torts and business torts.

Hourly fee: $250.00 per hour

Available counties: ALL

**Registered: General Civil**

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Bio: Michele Ivey is an attorney who has been licensed to practice law in Georgia since 1998. Her practice has consisted of worker’s compensation law and insurance and medcal malpractice litigation, as well as criminal and domestic cases. She has handled cases on appeal in the Georgia Court of Appeals and the Georgia Supreme Court. Additionally, Ms. Ivey has worked in Juvenile Court and Juvenile Drug Court. She also works as an appointed Guardian Ad Litem in courts in the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit. Ms. Ivey is a registered mediator with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution.

Hourly fee: $150.00

Available Counties: ALL

**Registered: General Civil**

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Bio: Ash is a registered mediator with the State of Georgia. He received his training from Decision Management Associates, Inc. out of Macon, Georgia. Ash has over 20 years of experience in the insurance industry and works as a claims representative for State Farm Insurance Company. He received an MBA and BS in Math from Columbus State University and is a former adjunct professor at CSU.

Hourly fee: $200.00

Available Counties: ALL

**Registered: Civil, Domestic, Domestic Violence and Juvenile**

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Bio: Dynamic, impartial and trustworthy mediator with excellent communication skills with previous work and professional training experience. I’m responsible for helping two parties arrive at a mutually agreeable solution to a problem. I give clients an opportunity to represent their own interests and share their perspectives. My offerings include general mediation for a broad range of clients and their issues including commercial, Land Lord tenant, discrimination, education, employment, environment, government, healthcare, intellectual property, personal injury, probate, real estate, construction, small claims and worker’s compensation.

Hourly fee: $150.00

Available Counties: ALL

**Registered: General Civil, Domestic, Domestic Violence and Juvenile**

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Philip Johnson has a B. A. degree in History from Huntingdon College (1969) and a J. D. degree (cum laude) from the University of Georgia Law School (1974). He is a veteran of service in the United States Army. Mr. Johnson has been engaged in the general practice of law in Columbus, Georgia since 1979. His practice has included representing diverse clients in thousands of civil matters, negotiations, general litigation, corporate law, partnerships and probate; many times involving trials. He recently completed the Mediation Course at the Fanning Institute at the University of Georgia as well as the Arbitration Training at Henning Services in Atlanta. Mr. Johnson and his family are members of Pierce Chapel United Methodist Church.

Hourly fee: $250.00

Available Counties: ALL

**Registered: General Civil**

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Bio: Vivian C. Jones is a Licensed Professional Counselor with over 14 years of clinical experience in the mental health field. She retired from the federal government after 21 years of service. Vivian holds a Master’s Degree in Counseling and Human Development and a Master’s Degree in Community Counseling. She worked for over 10 years with a local community mental health and substance abuse agency as a Program Director and Mental Health Counselor. Vivian has been a registered mediator with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution since 2014. She received her training in General Civil, Domestic and Family Mediation from The New Decision Management Associates, Inc., Domestic Violence training from Dr. Susan S. Raines of Kennesaw State University and Juvenile Delinquency Mediation training from the Justice Center of Atlanta, Inc. Vivian has a strong background in working with individuals and families in resolving complicated issues.

Hourly fee: $125.00

Available Counties: All

**Registered: General Civil, Domestic, Domestic Violence and Juvenile**

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Bio: Larry Love received his B.A. in Psychology and M.Ed. from Columbus State University. He received his Juris Doctor from Woodrow Wilson School of Law. He has worked in a variety of positions in local, regional and State Government. He has served as the Superior Court Administrator for the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit for the past 8 years. His responsibilities included supervision of: The Office of Dispute Resolution, Drug Court, Mental Health Court, Veterans Court, the Adult Probation Office and function as court liaison for the Superior Courts. He was employed by the Georgia Public Defender Council as one of two Conflict Case Directors which involved the assignment and payment of attorneys for conflict cases over approximately half of the State of Georgia. During his tenure with the Columbus Consolidated Government his positions included: Director of Management, Research and Analysis, Judicial Analysis, Judicial Liaison, Director of Human Resources, 911 Director, Property Acquisition Officer and Grants Manager. He was employed in regional government as the Regional Criminal Justice Director for the State Crime Commission in coordination with the Lower Chattahoochee Arear and Development Commission involving 6 counties in Georgia and 2 counties in Alabama. He has been a mediator for 8 years and received his training in Civil, Domestic Mediation and Arbitration from the New Decision Management Inc., and Domestic Violence training from Dr. Susan S. Raines of Kennesaw State University. He is a registered mediator in good standing with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution.

Hourly Fee: $200.00

Available Counties: All

**Registered: General, Civil and Domestic Violence**

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Bio: Elizabeth W. (Betsy) McBride obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree from George Washington University in 1985 and later her Juris Doctor from George Washington University Law School in 1988. She began as a law clerk with Jones, Cork and Miller in Macon, Georgia concentrating in civil litigation. In 1991 she established her own law firm in Columbus, Georgia concentrating on domestic relations and bankruptcy law. She is an active litigator in all types of custody, divorce, adoption and consumer bankruptcy cases. Ms. McBride is admitted to practice in all State, Superior and Appeals Courts in Georgia as well as the United States (Federal) District Courts for the Middle and Northern Districts of Georgia. She is a certified and court registered Civil and Domestic Relations mediator as well as a Court appointed Guardian Ad Litem throughout the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit. She is a founding member of the Columbus Association of Women Lawyers which later became the Columbus Chapter of the Georgia Association of Women Lawyers, a member of the State Bar of Georgia, the Columbus Bar Association and the Columbus American Inn of Court at the Barrister level.

Hourly fee: $200.00

Available Counties: ALL

**Registered: General Civil and Domestic**

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Bio: Passionate about building bridges out of conflict, I’m a Georgia mediator certified in Civil and Domestic mediation. During my 10 years in the insurance industry, I handled more than 7,000 unique claims. I bring to the table a wealth of experience in investigating, negotiating, and settling conflicts using the most ethical, professional and productive processes. As your mediator, I begin by establishing a neutral forum where we can approach the issues in a judgement-free environment. With willingness to approach the issues, we can facilitate a dialogue, uncover interests, and begin to establish an agenda.

Hourly fee: $200.00

Available Counties: All

**Registered: General Civil and Domestic Violence**

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Bio: Gwyn Newsom is a Columbus attorney whose work primarily focuses on assisting women and other minorities recover economic and other personal losses caused by workplace discrimination. Her past experience also includes divorce and custody cases, injury cases such as car accidents, medical malpractice and criminal defense work. A 1978 graduate of UGA Law School, Ms. Newsom has tried numerous cases in state and federal courts. She was trained at Henning Mediation in Atlanta, Georgia in the areas of general civil mediation, domestic mediation and arbitration. Ms. Newsom’s areas of experience include Plaintiff’s employment discrimination (particularly sexual coercion and abuse), defense. Ms. Newsom’s professional activities include the Columbus Bar Association and the Georgia Association for Women Lawyers (past President of GAWL – Columbus Chapter and current member of the statewide GAWL Advisory Board). She has also volunteered with the Boy Scouts of America, the Girl Scouts of Concharty Council, and the Board of T.I.P. (Truancy Intervention Project).

Hourly fee: $300.00

Available Counties: ALL

**Registered: General Civil, Domestic and Arbitration**

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Bio: Kimberly Pennamon is an experienced educator and administrator.  She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Master of Arts in Educational Psychology and Measurement and near completion of requirements for a doctorate in Educational Leadership. She has received training in basic mediation, advanced mediation, cross cultural mediation, advanced facilitation, civil mediation and arbitration. Her experience with mediation began over 20 years ago.

Hourly fee: $150.00

Available Counties: ALL

**Registered: General Civil and Arbitration**

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Bio: Mr. Partin is an experienced attorney who has practiced law in Columbus and the surrounding area since 1973 following four years of active duty as an Army lawyer. He graduated from Vanderbilt University and then completed the University of Virginia College of Law with a degree in 1969. He concentrates his law practice in personal injury cases and domestic relations and is a fellow in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. He was trained in civil mediation by the American Arbitration Association in 1993 and completed domestic relations training in 1995. John is trained to handle domestic mediations involving allegations of abuse.

Hourly fee: $240.00 (2 hour minimum)

Available Counties: ALL

**Registered: General Civil, Domestic and Domestic Violence, Arbitration**

**Scott Phillips**

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Bio: M. Scott Phillips obtained his Bachelor’s degree in print journalism from the University of Georgie in 1991 and subsequently graduated from the University of Georgia School of Law (1994). He practiced law for several years in the State of Arkansas with the law firm of Goodwin, Moore, Colbert & Broadway before moving to Columbus in August 1997. Mr. Phillips has been practicing law for over 20 years in both Georgia and Alabama where his practice focuses on divorce, child custody, and adoption. He also serves as a Guardian Ad Litem in custody-related matters.

Hourly fee: $250.00

Available Counties: ALL

**Registered: General Civil and Domestic**

**Charlotte Santana**

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Bio: Charlotte Santana is a state registered professional who has met the qualifications required by the State of Georgia as a General Civil Neutral, Divorce Mediator and has specialized certification in Domestic Violence Mediation.

Hourly fee: $150.00 (two hour minimum plus travel expenses if applicable)

Available Counties: ALL

**Registered: General Civil, Domestic, Domestic Violence and Juvenile**

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Bio: Carter Schondelmayer has focused on employment law since graduating from the University of Georgia Law School in 1998. As a trial lawyer she has litigated a wide variety of civil litigation claims and has provided assistance to clients in the investigative processes of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Federal and State Departments of Labor, The Office of Federal Contractor Compliance and the Office of Civil Rights. Her experience in trial and appellate work extends through the counties under the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit, all State and Federal Courts, including the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals. Although she has dealt primarily with employment matters, she also has significant experience in the litigation of contested estates and probate matters. She has been an active participant in a number of mediations to resolve a variety of claims.

Hourly fee: $300.00

Available Counties: ALL

**Registered: General Civil**

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Bio: Ron Self is an attorney and mediator trained and certified by Henning Mediation & Arbitration Services, Inc. Over the last thirty years he has tried several hundred cases involving personal injury, malpractice, commercial disputes and other general litigation in the courts of Georgia, Alabama and Florida. He teaches part time in the D.A. Turner College of Business at Columbus State University.

Hourly fee: $200.00

Available Counties: ALL

**Registered: General Civil**

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Bio:  Mr. Sikes is a native Georgian and retired Army Lieutenant Colonel and Judge Advocate (JAG Officer) who has been licensed to practice for over 18 years.  His primary practice area is Georgia domestic (family) law cases, with specialization in military divorce matters.  In addition, he handles personal injury and criminal law matters and operates his private practice in Columbus.  Mr. Sikes’ professional affiliations include membership in the American Bar Association, the State Bar of Georgia, the Columbus Bar Association, board member with the Chattahoochee Family Law Bar, University of North Georgia Corps Advisory Council, University of North Georgia Alumni Association, Military Officers Association of America, among others.  He received the coveted Columbus Ledger-Enquirer’s Readers Choice Award for Favorite Attorney in 2014.  Mr. Sikes and his wife, Jenny, reside in Midland, Georgia with their two children.

Hourly fee: $250.00

Available Counties: ALL

**Registered: General Civil, Domestic, Arbitration**

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Bio: Mr. Smith began practicing law with Page, Scrantom in 1985 and continued with that firm for 14 years. His practice was general civil litigation including personal injury, insurance defense, commercial litigation and creditor’s rights/bankruptcy litigation. He left Page, Scrantom in Jan. 1988 to join the General Counsel’s Office of Synovus Financial Corp. as Deputy General Counsel. At Synovus he was in charge of managing all of Synovus’ litigation its commercial and consumer forms library, credit card issues, contract negotiation and regulatory compliance. He left Synovus and opened his own law office here in Columbus in February, 2015. His practice is focused upon general civil and commercial litigation, consumer bankruptcy, mediation and arbitration.

Hourly fee: $200.00

Available Counties: ALL

**Registered: General Civil, Juvenile and Arbitration**

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Bio: Tim is an attorney in Columbus, Georgia.  His law practice focuses primarily upon family law issues and civil litigation.  Tim joined the firm now known as Harp, Poydasheff, Post & Sowers, LLC in 2011.  Tim received his mediation training from Bob Berlin and Carolyn Raines with The New DMA, Inc.

Hourly Fee: $200.00

Available Counties:

**Registered: General Civil, Domestic, Domestic Violence and Juvenile**

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Bio: Sandy Swan has a B. A. in Psychology from the State University of New York and an M. A. from Bowling Green State University after studying psychology. He has worked in marketing and marketing research for Nationwide Insurance, Arby’s, Miller Brewing, and Tyson Foods and worked for over 20 years at Dr. Pepper where he spent the last 15 years as the Director of Marketing Research and Planning. In the Columbus community Sandy has established a corporate wellness center for a major Columbus corporation. Sandy is a registered neutral with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution for both Civil and Domestic Mediation with training from Henning Mediation & Arbitration Service, Inc. He is also registered in Juvenile Delinquency Mediation with training from the Justice Center of Atlanta, Inc.

Hourly fee: $150.00

Available Counties: ALL

**Registered: General Civil, Domestic and Juvenile**

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Bio: Mr. Tebeau is an attorney whose practice encompasses all aspects of family law, estate administration and litigation, probate guardianships and conservatorships, mental health law and related confidentiality issues, guardian ad litem appointments, juvenile court dependencies and civil and domestic mediation. Mr. Tebeau serves as the county administrator and worked for a number of years as a trust officer so he has extensive experience with trust and fiduciary issues. He is a former adjunct professor of business law at Columbus State University. He has received training and certification in General Civil and Domestic mediations. He is certified with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution.

Hourly fee: $250.00

Available Counties: ALL

**Registered: General Civil, Domestic, Domestic Violence, Juvenile and Arbitration**

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Bio: David Tisinger is a graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology. Upon graduating from Georgia Tech he served as an office aboard ships in the U. S. Navy. After service in the Navy, David attended law school and was an honor graduate of the University of Georgia School of Law. Mr. Tisinger does mediation and arbitration work as David H. Tisinger Mediation Service and works out of the firm of Tisinger Vance, P.C. in Carrollton, Georgia. David has devoted his entire career to trial work and has tried more than 255 personal injury, auto, medical malpractice, commercial, products liability, estate and condemnation cases in jury trial settings. He has participated as a lawyer or a mediator in m ore than 45 cases. He recently completed his mediation training at the Strauss Institute of Pepperdine University. The Strauss Institute is acknowledged and rated as the premier training program for mediators in the country.

Hourly fee: $350.00 (3 hour minimum) – admin. Fee of $300.00

Available Counties: All

**Registered: General Civil and Domestic, Arbitration**

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Bio: Mr. Tucker is a native of Columbus, Georgia. Upon graduating from Emory University in 1968 he was drafted and served three years in the military, two of those as an Infantry Officer, including a combat tour in Vietnam. Upon his discharge, he returned to law school at the University of Georgia where he served on the Editorial Board of the Law Review and received his Juris Doctor degree in December, 1973. Since 1978 his practice has been devoted substantially to commercial, business and personal injury litigation. For more than fifteen years he has served as a managing partner of Page, Scrantom, Sprouse, Tucker and Ford, P.C. He has been repeatedly recognized as a Georgia Super Lawyer and has earned an “AV” rating by Martindale-Hubbell since 1988. In his over forty years of practice Mr. Tucker has served as lead counsel in over eighty-five jury and bench trials. He is certified as a mediator and has served as a party selected or court appointed mediator or arbitrator on dozens of occasions.

Hourly fee: $250.00

Available Counties: ALL

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Bio: Joseph L. Waldrep was born in Roanoke, AL on May 21, 1943. He was admitted to the Georgia bar in 1970. He graduated cum laude from Clemson University in 1966 with a B. S. degree. He graduated from Duke University with his J.D. in 1969. He is a member of Phi Eta Sigma and Phi Kappa Phi fraternities. He is a member of the State Bar of Georgia and Board of Governors since 1991, the American Bar Association and was President of the Columbus Lawyers Club from 1982-1983. His practice consists of civil practice, litigation, torts, commercial litigation, and domestic law. He represents Plaintiffs and Defendants in litigation practice. He is a Registered Mediator and has mediated many civil mediation matters as well as domestic cases. Recently he has concentrated on civil mediations. He has served as Arbitrator in a number of contract disputes including arbitrations involving contractors contracted with AFLAC involving commission disputes and other issues. He is currently scheduled to sit as Arbitrator in a construction case. He is also currently serving as a special master in a couple of cases.

Hourly fee: $250.00

Available Counties:

**Registered: General Civil, Domestic, and Arbitration**

**Russell Walker**

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Bio: Russell Walker is a general, domestic relations and special education mediator trained by the Justice Center of Atlanta, Divorce Mediators of Atlanta and the U. S. Postal Service. He has been certified to conduct mediations in Georgia since 1992. Since 1992 Russell has provided contract mediation service to the U. S. Postal Service and the Georgia Department of Education.

Hourly Fee: $150.00

Available Counties: ALL

**Registered: General Civil, Domestic**

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Bio: Mia S. Walton is an energetic mediator with over 10 years of experience in mediation. As a mediator, she excels at creating a collaborative environment to achieve quality resolution and/or desired results for clients. Ms. Walton’s accomplishments and achievements in Mediation Services and Leadership earned her the inclusion into The Heritage Registry of Who’s Who in 2012. Additionally, Ms. Walton has over 25 years of military service, which is beneficial to understanding the dynamics of military families and nuances unique to their civil and personal issues.

Hourly fee: $120.00

Available Counties: ALL

**Registered: General Civil, Domestic**

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Bio: Mr. Whiteside is an attorney practicing since 1976 in commercial and bankruptcy areas. Mr. Whiteside is certified in arbitration and mediation having received training from Decision Management Associates and Henning Mediation & Arbitration Service, Inc. Mr. Whiteside intends to limit his ADR practice to commercial/bankruptcy matters and education issues.

Hourly fee: $250.00

Available Counties: ALL

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Bio: After obtaining his undergraduate degree in political science in 1980 from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, Doug received his J. D. from Florida State University College of Law in 1985. Following graduation, Doug began his legal career in Atlanta with the predecessor to the firm now known as Carlock, Copeland & Stair in an insurance defense practice, becoming a partner in 1991. Doug remained with the firm until 2003, handling a broad spectrum of cases from the defense perspective, with a particular emphasis in cases involving premises liability and professional liability. He represented a number of local or national retailers, restaurants, hotels and motels, grocery stores, apartment complexes and developers in claims involving slip and falls, negligent security, false arrest, false imprisonment, malicious prosecution, libel and slander as well as architects, engineers, dentists and pharmacists in malpractice claims. In 2003, Doug opened his own firm in Peachtree City. While still handling some defense of premises liability claims, he expanded his practice to include the representation of individual plaintiffs in personal injury actions. Doug has extensive trial experience, having tried well over 100 jury trials in the state and federal courts in central and north Georgia, and has handled or argued over 35 appeals to the Georgia Court of Appeals, Georgia Supreme Court and the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals. He is an AV preeminent rated attorney by Martindale Hubble and has been selected as a Super Lawyer each year since 2013.  He is also a civil mediator registered with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution. Doug and his wife Allison, parents of two grown daughters, live in Peachtree City.

Hourly Fee: $175.00

Available Counties: ALL

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Bio: Mr. Willingham has significant experience in Employment Disputes, Domestic Relations, Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices, Products Liability, Hospital and Healthcare Issues, Legal and Medical Malpractice, Complex Business Disputes, RICO and Qui Tam (Whistleblower) cases for Plaintiff and for Defense, and Insurance and Reinsurance matters. He participated in American Health Lawyers Association (AHLA) intensive training for mediation of Healthcare disputes (approved as an arbitrator by AHLA). In multiple substantial mediations in Georgia and across the country, he achieved, mediated or arbitrated settlements collectively representing settlements of many tens of millions. He is an approved arbitrator for FINRA arbitration of financial industry disputes and for FINRA broker employment disputes. He attended Washington & Lee University and earned his B.A. (cum laude) and attended Georgia State University School of Law earning his J. D. and was in the Order of the Coif and a member of the Editorial Board of the Georgia Law Review. He served as an Adjunct Scholar and Instructor at Georgia State University 1984-1985. He has received the Martindale Hubbell AV Preeminent peer review rating; Best Lawyers in America (2005-2017); commercial litigation 2017-2018; Legal Malpractice Law and Reinsurance Law, and Atlanta Lawyer of the Year in Legal Malpractice defense.

Hourly Fee: $250.00

Available Counties: ALL

**Registered: General Civil, Domestic, Arbitration**