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Profile

Licensed and Active to Practice law in Arizona; inactive in Ohio and Florida
Mediated for over 20 years and in excess of 7,500 cases
Practice Currently Limited to Juvenile Matters and Mediation

Experience

Attorney and Mediator, Jonathan D. Conant, Attorney At Law - Arizona – 2009 - Present

Providing legal representation and advice to clients involving juvenile matters. Providing representation and advice to foster parents during course of dependency continuing through adoption. Representation of family members in dependency actions including re-unification and family unification post-removal. Representation of biological parents in severance actions. Handling appeals of Juvenile Actions before the Arizona 1st District Court of Appeal.

Experience working with state agencies and individuals complying with the Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children and the Indian Child Welfare Act. Member of the Performance Improvement Committee of the Association of Administrators of the ICPC in seeking ways in which to increase performance and decrease processing times of children seeking placement and adoption under the ICPC.

Dependency Mediator for Mohave County, Arizona for 2017-2018. Mediated private and Superior Court matters involving Domestic Relations and Divorce, Personal Injury and misc. commercial law matters.

Mediator, Jonathan D. Conant, Attorney At Law - Florida - 1997-2016

Provides mediation services throughout the State of Florida. Vast experience mediating various matters and issues including actions involving ERISA / FMLA / FLSA/1983 Civil Rights Violation Actions; Extensive volume of Workers' Compensation mediations; Personal Injury; Nursing Home Negligence; Real Property (Foreclosures, Liens, Contracts, Easements); Construction Matters (defects in design and construction and enforcement of Mechanic's Liens); Contracts and Commercial matters, and; Family Law matters including Divorce/ Dissolution, Shared Parenting Arrangements, Child and Spousal Support, and property settlement agreements.

Previously certified by the International Commission on Health Care Certification as a Medicare Set-Aside Consultant, and provided to clients Medicare Set Aside analysis of claims being settled in Personal Injury and Workers' Compensation matters. This task required detailed knowledge of Medical Procedures and Prescription Coding; an intimate understanding of Medical Procedures and Diagnosis and likely future treatments associated with prior diagnosis and treatment, and; Analysis of Medicare reimbursable and non-reimbursable costs.

**President and Consultant, Conant Mediation Program Management, Inc.,
- Florida - and Oregon 2010-2013**

President of a Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation providing Program Management over the Residential Foreclosure Mediation Program (RMFMP) in the Twentieth Judicial Circuit of Florida. Processed an average monthly foreclosure rate estimated in excess of 600 cases per month for the duration of the program. Responsible for overseeing compliance with the Administrative Orders of the Supreme Court of Florida and of the Administrative Offices of the Courts of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit. Managed and coordinated interaction with local and state government offices and the public at large, including managing media relations. Responsible for the day to day operations of the company and its 16 employees consisting of intake workers, outreach workers, schedulers and administrative employees. Responsible for the selection and retention of Mediators. Maintained and fostered communication with Lenders, Servicing Agents, Counsel for Lenders and Servicing Agents and Counsel for borrowers in distress. Lectured at numerous seminars and conferences on the mediation of Real Estate Foreclosure matters.

Worked under contract for consultation with Company having significant experience processing and handling high volume mediation programs and its successor overseeing the Oregon Foreclosure Avoidance Mediation Program. Duties included coordinating efforts of Community Dispute Resolution Centers, local governments, the Oregon Department of Justice, Foreclosure Counselors and Mediators in processing mediations in accordance with Oregon's Foreclosure Avoidance Mediation Program. Coordinated and conducted intensive mediator training and certification programs throughout Oregon.

Attorney, Jonathan D. Conant, Esquire - Florida - 1990 - 2013

Varied General legal practice. Represented injured workers in personal injury and workers' compensation matters along with processing Social Security Disability claims in state court and administrative proceedings. Provided general legal assistance to the public and corporations at large in commercial matters. Extensive discovery experience and Motion Practice; Limited trial practice. Interaction with local government through position on value adjustment board of appeals and representation of clients in property tax appeals and medicare / medicaid compliance issues. Handled highly emotionally charged family law cases pre and post judgement.

Education

Education and Intensive Trainings:

Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

Degree Conferred: Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering, 1982.

Cleveland Marshall College of Law, Cleveland State University.

Degree Conferred: Juris Doctor, 1987

Mediation Institute of America

40 Hour Basic Civil Mediation Training; Spring, 1997

Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University, Malibu, California

Advanced Mediation Techniques Training; Summer, 2005

Mediation Training Group

40 Hour Basic Family Mediation Training; Spring 2007

Hillsborough County Bar Association, Tampa, Florida

Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Training, Spring, 2010

National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals, Anna Maria Island, Florida

Advanced Mediation Techniques Training; Fall, 2011

National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals, Boston, Mass.

Advanced Mediation Techniques and Negotiation Master-Class, Summer 2013

Infant-Toddler Mental Health Coalition of Arizona

Symposium, Summer 2016

AAICPC - Annual Educational Conference, May 2017

Professional Affiliations

Memberships and Positions

Arizona Bar Association - Chair ADR Section 2015-2016

Executive Counsel Member 2017-2018

Yavapai County Bar Association - Treasurer, 2014 - to current

Florida Bar Association

Ohio State Bar Association

National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals

Academy of Professional Family Mediators

American Public Human Services Association

Ex-Officio Member - Performance Improvement Committee

Association of Administrators of the ICPC, 2018

Infant-Toddler Mental Health Coalition of Arizona

Publications

Publications and Speaking Engagements

April 2, 2015: Phoenix, Arizona: Panelist and Presenter in State Bar of Arizona Mediation Seminar. Seminar title: "Mediators Teaching Attorneys How to More Effectively Represent a Client in Mediation.

Fall Issue, ACRResolution Magazine. Contributing Author. Article title: "You say Tomato. . .". Association for Conflict Resolution Magazine, Fall, 2014. Vol 13, No. 4 at page 8.

February 20, 2015: Tucson, Arizona: Program Chair and Panelist in State Bar of Arizona Mediation Seminar entitled "Live Action Mediation Training for Mediators and Litigators".

January 21, 2015: Phoenix, Arizona: Panelist and Presenter in State Bar of Arizona Mediation Seminar. Seminar Title: Mediation Failures and Successes, War Stories and Teaching Points.

October, 2014: San Antonio, Texas: Discussion moderator during breakout on topic of Joint Sessions in Mediation at American Bar Association conference, ADR Section.

July, 2014: Tucson, Arizona: Participant in panel discussion and presentation of Advanced Mediation Training at Arizona Bar Association annual Conference, ADR Section afternoon breakout.

April, 2014; Author of Article: "Why Me?". Arizona Bar Association, ADR Section Spring, 2014 Newsletter. Reprinted in Association for Conflict Resolution newsletter.

August 9 - 11, 2012 - Medford, Oregon; Lecture and provide three day training to prospective mediators and local Community Dispute Resolution Center officials in handling Foreclosure mediations and interacting with Mortgage Lenders, Servicers, Borrowers and legal counsel.

July 16 - 18, 2012 - Bend, Oregon; Lecture and provide three day training to prospective mediators and local Community Dispute Resolution Center officials in handling Foreclosure Mediations and interacting with Mortgage Lenders, Servicers, Borrowers and legal counsel.

July 9 - 12, 2012 - Salem, Oregon; Lecture and provide three day training to prospective mediators and local Community Dispute Resolution Center officials in handling Foreclosure Mediations and interacting with Mortgage Lenders, Servicers, Borrowers and legal counsel.

June 28 - 30, 2012 - Portland, Oregon; Lecture and provide three day training to prospective mediators and local Community Dispute Resolution Center officials in handling Foreclosure Mediations and interacting with Mortgage Lenders, Servicers, Borrowers and legal counsel.

February 27, 2012 - Sarasota, Florida; Lecture given to Insurance Industry at FCCI Insurance Group. Topic: "Effective Mediations".

February 1, 2012 - Washington, D.C.; Participant in Hope Now Mediation Fly-In, Financial Services Roundtable. Round Table Discussion amongst industry leaders, Governmental Servicing Entities, and the U.S. Department of Justice. Topic: Changing landscape of foreclosure mediations with emphasis on "pre-foreclosure" mediation.

January 6, 2012 - Honolulu, Hawaii; Speech at the Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution, State of Hawaii, Judiciary. Topic: "Keys to Resolution of Mortgage Foreclosure Actions".

December 6, 2011 - "Florida Foreclosure Mediation: The Rules are Changing". USFN e-Update. Article on the expected revisions to Florida's Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Program.

June 16, 2011 - Dallas, Texas; U.S.F.N. Loan Management & Servicing Seminar. Topic: Mediation of Foreclosure Actions

March 25, 2011 – Fort Myers, Florida; Citizens for a Better Fort Myers Government Educational Panel, Judicial Symposium. Topic: Foreclosure Court in the 20th Judicial Circuit of Florida.

March 24, 2011- Orlando, Florida; U.S. F. N. Loan Management & Servicing Seminar. Topic: Mediation of Foreclosure Actions

December 14, 2010 – Fort Myers, Florida Fox 4 News television interview; Topic: Alternative to Foreclosure

March 4, 2010 – Phoenix, Arizona; American Bar Association Tort Trial & Insurance Practice, Workers' Compensation and Labor and Employment Law sections' National Trends and Emerging Issues in Workers' Compensation Seminar. Topic: Mediation Strategies and Negotiating Tactics

August 22, 2009 – Orlando, Florida; Florida Supreme Court Dispute Resolution Center's 18th Annual Conference. Topic: Workers' Compensation Mediations