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PROFILE SUMMARY

- Licensed to practice law in Arizona, Florida and Ohio (currently inactive), all by examination
- Litigated and provided legal representation across numerous disciplines
- Mediated for over 17 Years and in excess of 7,500 Mediations
- Previously Certified as a Medicare Set-Aside Consultant
- Developed and Managed foreclosure mediation programs in the States of Florida and Oregon
- Practiced as an Engineer in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio on numerous construction projects ranging from office remodels to multi-million dollar high rise and industrial construction

EDUCATION AND INTENSIVE TRAINING

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

LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS

Attorney and Counselor at Law:
State of Arizona, 2009 (by examination)
State of Florida, 1988 (by examination)
State of Ohio, 1987 (by examination – currently of inactive status)
Florida Certified and Court-Appointed Mediator:
Certified Family Mediator, Registration No. 09267F
Certified Circuit Court Mediator, Registration No. 09267R
Certified County Court Mediator, Registration No. 09267C
Florida Certified Circuit Court Mediation Assistant Trainer (Certification allowed to lapse)
International Commission on Health Care Certification Medicare Set Aside Consultant
(Certification allowed to lapse)

EXPERIENCE DETAIL

Mediator and Attorney at Law, Jonathan D. Conant, Esquire; Prescott, Arizona - 2009-Present

Provides mediation and limited legal services throughout Arizona from Prescott, Arizona office. Brings to the table exceptional experience mediating claims of all natures with parties of various cultural backgrounds, in addition to a vast legal and business background. Participant, Prescott Justice Court Mediation Program and Coconino County Superior Court Mediation Program. Well respected in the ADR community. Proud Member of the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals, an invitation only association of the Nation's top ADR specialists.

Current area of legal practice limited to include representation of individuals seeking an adoption, with other family law issues including pre-marital planning, separation, divorce and child custody issues, as well as select Social Security Disability Claimants.

Mediator, Jonathan D. Conant, Florida Certified Circuit, Family and County Mediator; Fort Myers, Florida - 1997- Present

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.

Consultant to Collins Center for Public Policy and Mediation Case Manager - State of Oregon, June, 2012 - March, 2013

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 four (4), three (3) day intensive mediator training and certification programs throughout Oregon. Responsible for the selection, retention and continued training of Mediators. Assisted in developing the program flow and coordination with the internet based data processing platform. Managed interaction with local and state government offices including creation and provision of statistical analysis on program, with details of program improvement. Oversaw actions of employees and partners.

Brought to the position detailed knowledge and insight into the processing of foreclosures from the standpoint of both the lender and the borrower. Possess a keen sense of the varying interests of the parties and an innate knowledge base formed through staying current on a daily basis with national publications catering to the financial and regulatory aspects of mortgage lending and securitization of associated indebtedness. At the same time, having managed an office staff of over fifteen professionals and a mediation roster in excess of one hundred trained mediators, brought management expertise enhancing the performance of subordinates to achieve goals timely and efficiently.

President, Conant Mediation Program Management, Inc., A Florida Not For Profit Corp.; Fort Myers, Florida - 2010-2012

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 (Charlotte, Collier, Hendry, Glades and Lee Counties). 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. Developed and maintained contact with the local business community and media to garner support for the RMFMP. Responsible for the development of new avenues of work in the ever changing mortgage default environment after the termination of the RMFMP. Lectured at numerous seminars and conferences on the mediation of Real Estate Foreclosure matters. Assisted homeowners in distress I'm seeking supporting assistance from community and faith-based programs and organizations.

Designed and developed a case management platform in conjunction with the IT partner for use in the RMFMP Program. The thought process behind the design and operation of the business and platform was to maintain the personal contact and relationship between the staff and both Lenders and Borrowers in this highly emotionally charged field.

Attorney at Law, Jonathan D. Conant, Esquire; Fort Myers, Florida- 1990 - April, 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.

Associate Attorney, Becker & Poliakoff (f/k/a Becker, Poliakoff & Streitfeld); Fort Lauderdale, Florida - 1987 - 1990

Provided general legal assistance and support to Partners in Commercial and Construction litigation department of Florida's preeminent Condominium and Construction Law firm at it's home offices. This position required detailed review and analysis of documents and reports created during the design, permitting and construction of condominium and home owner's associations or created by experts retained to inspect the projects and properties post-construction. Combined engineering knowledge and education along with practical experience in performing a legal analysis of claims being presented or defenses being raised. Assisted in the writing of a Florida Hornbook on the Admissibility of Evidence.

Field Engineer, the Albert M. Higley, Co.; Cleveland, Ohio - 1982 - 1987

Practiced as a Field Engineer for a commercial construction company on projects ranging in size from multi-story office construction to remodeling projects of hospitals and the sewage treatment system servicing North Eastern Ohio, including the city of Cleveland in Cuyahoga County. Responsible for assurance of compliance with construction documents, including adherence to schedules and budget. Interacted routinely with Owners, Developers, Architects, Design Engineers and Manufacturers. Brought to the position prior experience gained in a family commercial construction enterprise primarily carrying out commercial renovations and construction of low rise commercial projects.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association
Arizona Bar Association - Vice Chair ADR Section 2014-2015
Coconino County Bar Association
Yavapai County Bar Association - Treasurer, 2014
Florida Bar Association
Ohio State Bar Association
Florida Academy of Professional Mediators
National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals
National Organization of Social Security Claimants Representatives

VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATIONS AND POSITIONS

Arizona State Bar Association - Vice Chair, ADR Section 2014-2015
Yavapai County Bar Association - Treasurer 2014-2015
Fraternal Order of Masons - Lodge #388

RECENT PUBLICATIONS, LECTURES 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