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PROFILE:

Full time mediator and arbitrator with a practice that covers a wide array of civil litigation matters across the state of Pennsylvania, including all areas of personal injury litigation, professional negligence matters as well as business and commercial litigation and employment disputes. Received extensive mediation training at the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine University School of Law.

Before establishing a full time mediation practice, was a partner with the central Pennsylvania law firm of Atlee Hall & Brookhart. Maintained an active trial and litigation practice in the areas of professional negligence, products liability, personal injury and insurance bad faith litigation. Prior to that, was associated with the Pittsburgh law firm of Thorp, Reed & Armstrong and practiced in the areas of business and commercial litigation, construction litigation, insurance defense and employment law.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Brookhart Law & Mediation, LLC 2012- present

- Principal and owner of an alternative dispute resolution practice specializing in mediation and arbitration.
- Areas of practice in dispute resolution cover most areas of civil and commercial litigation including personal injury, professional negligence as well as business litigation, construction, insurance and employment matters.
- Alternative dispute resolution services offered include mediation, arbitration, med-arb, and early neutral evaluation.

(For a summary of mediation experience by subject matter and area of law, see addendum to resume.)

Widener University School of Law Spring 2015
Adjunct Professor of Law - Mediation

Atlee Hall & Brookhart 1994 - 2012
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

- Partner in law firm specializing in complex civil litigation.
- Areas of expertise and experience included medical negligence, employment law, product liability, premises liability, business litigation and mediation.
- Significant jury trial experience before various state and federal courts throughout the Commonwealth.
- Responsible for all marketing and business development aspects of the firm.

Thorp, Reed & Armstrong *1988 - 1993*
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

- Attorney in large defense law firm specializing in defense litigation.
- Represented and counseled numerous Fortune 500 companies as well as small and large businesses.
- Areas of concentration included business and commercial litigation, medical negligence (defense), product liability (defense), construction and insurance defense.
- Recruitment Committee / Chair of Summer Associate Program.

EDUCATION:

Duquesne University School of Law
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
J.D. degree conferred June, 1986
Honors/ Activities: Duquesne Law Review
Volume 24: Executive Recent Decisions Editor; Executive Editorial Board Member
Volume 23: Staff Member
Publications: Author: Note, Publicker Industries v. Cohen, 23 Duquesne Law Review 1227, Summer 1985

Grove City College
Grove City, Pennsylvania
B.A. Degree conferred May, 1983, Cum Laude

Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine University School of Law
Malibu, California
Mediation and ADR Training and Certification
2012, 2013, 2014

Temple University Academy of Trial Advocacy
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania – July 1992

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

- National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals (NADN.org)
- Pennsylvania Academy of Mediators and Arbitrators (PAMediators.org)
- American Bar Association
  - Section of Dispute Resolution
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
  - Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee
- Lancaster Bar Association
  - Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee (Chairperson)
- Million Dollar Advocates Forum
- Pennsylvania Council of Mediators
- Admitted to practice in Pennsylvania in 1986, License #46552
- Admitted to practice in Federal Court for Western, Middle and Eastern Districts of Pennsylvania as well as Third Circuit Court of Appeals.

SPEAKING AND PUBLICATIONS

Invited speaker and author for various professional groups and organizations on matters pertaining to trial practice and mediation. The following is a sampling of more recent presentations and publications relative to Alternative Dispute Resolution.

Speaking/Training

- Speaker for Pennsylvania Bar Institute program; December 2014
  Medical Malpractice Update (Mediation)
- Speaker for Pennsylvania Bar Institute program; December 2014
  UM/UIM and Limited Tort (Mediation/Arbitration)
- Mediation Training Instructor for PA Office of General Counsel (OGC); October 30-31, 2014
  Prepared curriculum and conducted mediation training for 30+ attorneys in OGC. Objective of 2-day training program was to familiarize OGC attorneys with mediation process in order to prepare said attorneys for mediation of state agency-related disputes.
- Speaker for Pennsylvania Bar Institute program; August 2014
  Rules of the Road: Fundamentals of Auto Litigation (Mediation)
- Speaker for Pennsylvania Bar Institute program; July 2014
  Learning the Art of Negotiation
- Speaker for Pennsylvania Bar Association program; November 2013
  Advocacy at Mediation: What Works and What Does Not

Publications

- *Mediation as Opportunity*
  Published in *In Brief*, a quarterly publication of the Lancaster Bar Association; December 2013
- *Mediation: Making the Most of the Process*
  Chapter in Pennsylvania Bar Institute materials for *Over the Top Settlements* seminar; November 2013
- *First Impressions are Lasting – The Importance of a Mediator Opening*
  Published in *Resolution,* a quarterly publication of the ADR Committee of the Pennsylvania Bar Association; September 2013
- *A Look Behind the Mediation Curtain*
  Published in *The Spokesman*, the monthly magazine of the Keystone Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors; April 2013
- *The Promise and Peril of a Joint Session at Mediation*
  Published in *Resolution,* a quarterly publication of the ADR Committee of the Pennsylvania Bar Association; November 2012

ADDENDUM TO RESUME

Summary of Mediation Experience by Subject Matter and Area of Law:

Personal Injury

- Premises liability
- Motor vehicle accidents (including multi-vehicle/ multi-party actions)
- Negligent roadway design
- Commercial motor carrier liability (including multi-party/ multi-claimant actions)
- Negligent security actions
- Products liability
- Underinsurance claims
- Worksite accidents
- Medical negligence (hospital, physician and dental)
- Long term care/nursing home
- Professional negligence
- General negligence

Business, Insurance, Construction And Employment

- Breach of contract actions
- Insurance coverage actions
- Insurance bad faith actions
- Shareholder agreement disputes
- Business ownership and governance disputes
- Family business disputes
- Partnership disputes
- Employment disputes
- Restrictive covenants in employment actions
- Construction litigation
- Construction contract disputes
- Breach of warranty claims
- Diminution of property claims
- Property damage claims
- Insurance subrogation matters

Litigation Experience:

- Co-counsel in product liability trial versus automobile manufacturer resulting in largest verdict in Lancaster County history.
- Achieved verdict in declaratory judgment insurance coverage trial resulting in one million dollar award.
- Successfully defended Fortune 500 companies in toxic tort litigation, franchisee litigation and business litigation.
- Successfully defended numerous clients in litigation involving product liability, premises liability, medical negligence, construction and general negligence actions.
- Achieved verdicts and multi-million dollar settlements in cases involving medical negligence, products liability and business litigation.