



# Neutral List

6<sup>th</sup> Judicial District

ADR Program

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GODR Registration:

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:** As a practicing attorney, I have participated in hundreds of mediations, mostly in domestic cases.

**Professional Experience:** 33 years as an attorney practicing in the areas of domestic relations, probate estate administration and guardianship.

**Education:** BA – Economics - Georgia State University 1978  
JD – Law - Georgia State University 1987

Will travel to the following counties:

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

**ADR Fees:** \$100/hour

**Conference Room Available?**  yes  no

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** N/A

**Margarita Austin**  
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**GODR Registration:**

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:** Ms. Austin's mediation experience began in 2009. She is registered with the GODR for general civil cases and for domestic cases. In addition, she was the Special Program Coordinator for Clayton County ADR office from 2006 to 2010.

**Professional Experience:** Over 10 years mediating Magistrate, State and Superior Court cases.

**Education:** B.S. – Engineering, Master of Business Administration

**Will travel to the following counties:**

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

**ADR Fees:** \$200.00/hour

**Conference Room Available?**  yes  no

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** Fluent in Lithuanian and Russian

**Frederick A. Bading**  
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GODR Registration:

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:** I have been serving as a mediator since 2014 and am registered with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution in the areas of General Civil Mediation, Domestic Relations Mediation, and Specialized Domestic Violence Mediation. In addition to the Sixth Judicial District ADR Program, I serve as a mediator in connection with the Seventh Judicial District ADR Program, the Tenth Judicial District ADR Program, and the Clayton Judicial District ADR Program. I received my mediation training through the Justice Center of Atlanta, Henning Mediation and Arbitration, and the J.W. Fanning Institute for Leadership Development.

**Professional Experience:**

Law Office of Frederick A. Bading, LLC  
Buckley King, LPA  
Carter & Ansley, LLP  
Fireman's Fund Insurance Company  
Hawkins & Parnell, LLP  
State Farm Insurance Companies  
Blasingame, Burch, Garrard & Bryant, PC

**Education:**

University of Alabama, LL.M. in Taxation (2007)  
University of Georgia, J.D. (1984)  
Emory University, M.B.A. (1980)  
Southeast Missouri State University, B.S. in Business Administration (1979)

**Will travel to the following counties:**

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

**ADR Fees:** \$180/hour with a two-hour minimum

**Conference Room Available?**  yes  no

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** N/A

**Christina Bennett**  
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**GODR Registration:**

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:** Mediator since April 2019; Attorney specializing in juvenile and family law with master's degree in Social Work. Additional GODR Registration categories: Juvenile Dependency and Juvenile Delinquency.

**Professional Experience:** Licensed Attorney since 2003; Licensed master level social worker since 2005; Extensive work with families and children, including but not limited to: serving as a Parent's Attorney in Juvenile Court Dependency cases; Guardian ad Litem in Superior Court custody cases; adoption social worker; substance abuse counselor; sexual abuse/assault survivor's group facilitator; and group/individual counselor.

**Education:** Syracuse University: Bachelor of Arts (2000) in International Relations & Religion (comparative) with concentration in Intercultural Communication and Negotiation;  
Syracuse University College of Law: Juris Doctor (2003) with Concentration in Family Law and Social Policy  
Walla Walla University: Master of Social Work (2005)  
Georgia State University: Master of Arts in Religious Studies (comparative) (2011)

**Will travel to the following counties:**

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

**ADR Fees:** \$100/hour

**Conference Room Available?**  yes  no

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** N/A

**Bob Berlin**

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**GODR Registration:**

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:** Bob Berlin is the President of the New Decision Management Associates, Inc. and has primary responsibility for mediation, negotiation, and alternative dispute resolution (ADR) services. Bob has experience in handling ADR cases numbering in excess of 4200 civil and family law mediations since 1968. As a registered arbitrator, mediator and neutral evaluator with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution, he has handled a broad spectrum of case in numerous courts throughout the state. He draws from an eclectic professional background in law, marriage and family therapy, communications, and teaching. In addition to his present involvements, he is doing CE trainings and coaching of neutrals (having been trained by Coach University the core essentials of coaching). Bob was a paneled member of the American Arbitration Association, serving as an arbitrator for thirty years and is presently a chief arbitrator for Fulton County. He also chaired a committee for the ADR section for the State Bar of Georgia.

**Professional Experience:** Bob Berlin was a senior partner in the law firm of Berlin and Hodges, P.C. for 39 years. He served as a Municipal Court Judge for twenty-five years and has served as pro hac Judge in three other courts. Bob served in the State House of Representatives, Middle Georgia District 86, 1973-1974 and was appointed by Governors as a member of numerous state commissions. Bob practiced as a Marriage and Family Therapist in Georgia and holds a Clinical Membership in the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists. He is an Advanced Practitioner, the highest level of membership, in the Association for Conflict Resolution. Bob is a former insurance adjuster for State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company and also worked as an independent claims adjuster. He has taught insurance law and ADR throughout the years an adjunct faculty member at John Marshal Law School. Bob has served as an adjunct professor at Mercer Law School, John Marshall Law School, Macon State College, Georgia Military College, Middle Georgia College and Central Georgia Technical College. He is an approved Mediator for the United States postal Services, EEOC and the FBI.

**Education:** Walter F. George School of Law, Mercer University, L.L.B. (J.D.) in 1963

**Will travel to the following counties:**

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

**ADR Fees:** \$250/ hour

**Conference Room Available?**  yes  no

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** N/A

**JoAnn P. Berry**

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**GODR Registration:**

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:** JoAnn Berry has been mediating since 2000. She virtually mediates through Zoom platform privately, pre-litigation or through all courts. She has served as mediator in hundreds of cases civil and domestic, including cases calculating child support, resolving custody issues and cases involving domestic violence. She has had great success in helping divorcing couples bridge gaps and finalize the issues necessary to transition from marriage to divorce. Ms. Berry is registered with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution and offers private mediation services as well as mediation services through several court programs. She assists parties whether they are pro se litigants or individuals represented by counsel and is trained and experienced in Advanced Mediation involving Domestic Violence.

**Professional Experience:** JoAnn Berry began practicing law in 1985 in New York and Georgia. In New York State, Ms. Berry provided bankruptcy and creditor/debtor representation and participated in arbitrations. She has practiced in Georgia in the areas of Estate and Gift Taxation with the Department of Treasury, Consumer law with the Governor's Office of Consumer's Affairs and Domestic law, and served as Guardian ad Litem. She also has experience in the areas of Multilevel Business Marketing, fair business practices and Equal Employment and currently has an active mediation practice. She also has experience as a licensed real estate professional.

**Education:** Howard University School of Law, J.D., 1984; State University of New York at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY, B.A., Psychology, 1980

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- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

**ADR Fees:** \$250/hour

**Conference Room Available?**  yes  no

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** N/A

**Amanda Burney-Wash**

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GODR Registration:

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:** Over five years' experience

**Professional Experience:** Ten years (+)

**Education:** Bachelor of Science Degree  
Paralegal Certification  
Advanced HR Management Certification  
General Mediation Certification

Will travel to the following counties:

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

**ADR Fees:** \$200/hour

**Conference Room Available?**  yes  no

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** N/A



**Edea Caldwell**  
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**GODR Registration:**

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:** Ms. Caldwell has participated in numerous cases as an advocate. She has been conducting mediations for five years.

**Professional Experience:** Ms. Caldwell has been an attorney for 38 years primarily domestic relations and Juvenile.

**Education:** M.S. Family Counseling; and J.D.

**Will travel to the following counties:**

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

**ADR Fees:** \$100/hour with 2 hour minimum

**Conference Room Available?**  yes  no

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** N/A

**Thomas D. (Tom) Carr**  
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**GODR Registration:**

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:** I have served as a state-certified neutral for more than twenty years. I have participated multiple times as the neutral in cases involving issues of domestic relations, contracts, probate, personal injury, and debtor-creditor, respectively. I am also locally certified as a neutral in the Cobb County Judicial Circuit.

**Professional Experience:** I am and have been a member in good standing of the State Bar of Georgia since 1986. My law practice consists of general civil litigation, with an emphasis on issues of domestic relations, contracts, and probate.

**Education:** J.D. – Campbell University School of Law  
M.A. – North Carolina State University  
B.A. – Mars Hill College

**Will travel to the following counties:**

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

**ADR Fees:** \$145/hour with a two-hour minimum (\$290).

**Conference Room Available:**  yes  no

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** N/A

**Yaminah Childress, J.D.**

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**GODR Registration:**

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:** Mediator, arbitrator, and ADR provider in private practice, working for private parties as well as in connection with various state courts and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. I specialize in virtual conflict resolution and will travel. I have been mediating since 2013.

**Professional Experience:**

- CEO and Lead Conflict Resolution Specialist at Childress Group LLC where I help resolve civil, domestic, financial, and workplace disputes.
- Arbitrator at FINRA where I work within a 3-panel arbitration team hearing and deciding financial industry cases.
- Founder and Impact Officer at YANY Beauty, a beauty brand and retailer where I handle the financial, legal and business needs of the company.
- Founder and President of Dream It Forward Foundation a youth services nonprofit where I oversee management and programming.

**Education:**

- J.D. – Atlanta’s John Marshall Law School
- B.S. – Business Administration Capella University
- A.A. – Secondary Education Prairie State College

**Will travel to the following counties:**

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

**ADR Fees:** \$200/hour

**Conference Room Available?**  yes  no Must be scheduled in advance

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** Virtual mediation available

**Philip S. Coe**

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**GODR Registration:**

- General
- Domestic Relations
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- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:** 2008-2009 Chair, Alternative Dispute Resolution Lawyers Section, Atlanta Bar Association; Member, Collaborative Law Institute of Georgia (“CLIG”); Member, International academy of Collaborative Professionals (“IACP”)

**Professional Experience:** Attorney-at-Law. Member, State Bar of Georgia (admitted to practice 1975). Past-Chair, Litigation Section, Atlanta Bar Associations: Past-President, Fayette County Bar Association; American Bar Association (Member, Litigation and ADR Sections); Member, Lawyers Club of Atlanta; Member.

**Education:** B.A., 1971, University of Florida; J.D., 1975, Harvard Law School; M.B.A., 1986, Georgia State University; M.T.S., 2001, Candler School of Theology, Emory University

**Will travel to the following counties:**

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

**ADR Fees:** \$250/hour

**Conference Room Available:**  yes  no

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** Equipped to conduct virtual/remote mediations via Zoom or WebEx.

**Sharan Coleman**

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**GODR Registration:**

- General
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- Specialized Domestic Violence
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- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:** Private-domestic relations, small claims, employer relations

**Professional Experience:**

**Education:** ADR training; J.D. – Law; B.A. – Sociology; A.A. – Business Administration

**Will travel to the following counties:**

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

**ADR Fees:** \$100/hour

**Conference Room Available?**  yes  no

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** N/A

**Leslie Connell**

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**GODR Registration:**

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:** In 2003 I received my Mediation Training at Decision Management Associates in Macon. I began working as a registered mediator in 2003 with the Sixth District ADR Program.

**Professional Experience:** After graduation from the University of Georgia, I moved back to my hometown of Thomaston to work as a paralegal in my father's law firm, Connell and Wheeler. As a paralegal I am experienced in the investigation of custody cases, interviewing witnesses and others with information relating to pending cases. I also serve as a Guardian Ad Litem in domestic relations cases.

**Education:** Bachelor of Business Administration in Management from the University of Georgia

**Will travel to the following counties:**

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

**ADR Fees:** \$100/hour

**Conference Room Available:**  yes  no

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** N/A

**Brent Conwell**

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**GODR Registration:**

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:** Began meditating in 2007 and since that time have handled several thousand cases involving a combination of domestic, civil, commercial, and estate matters. Able to quickly identify and align individual perspectives on key issues, manage complex financial matters, and facilitate parties in achieving equitable solutions. Demonstrated ability to work well in cross-cultural and diverse environments while consistently maintaining a high degree of professionalism and neutrality.

**Professional Experience:** Delta Air Lines, Inc. (1978 - 2006) - Increasing positions of leadership and management responsibility throughout the company including; marketing, sales, operations, and international global alliances. Comprehensive global management experience involving Fortune 500 companies, government/political entities, and management of global partnerships generating in excess of \$650MM.

**Education:** B.S. - Engineering (Auburn University), Master of Business Administration (Auburn University), Corporate Financial & Strategic Planning training programs (University of Pennsylvania - Wharton School of Business and University of Michigan - School of Business).

**Will travel to the following counties:**

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

**ADR Fees:** \$150/hour with two hour minimum

**Conference Room Available:**  yes  no

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** N/A

**Tonya J. Corbett**  
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**GODR Registration:**

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:** Tonya has mediated professionally since 1995 and was one of the original mediators that began with the Griffin Judicial Circuit. She is registered with the Sixth District ADR Program and Clayton County ADR Program. Tonya has experience with family and children issues as well as geriatrics. She continues to handle countless cases, both private, selected and court assigned. Additionally, she specializes in domestic violence cases.

**Professional Experience:** Currently she serves numerous circuits as a domestic relations mediator. See below for the specific counties. She also serves Superior Court as a Guardian Ad Litem or GAL for the cases who need a third party neutral to conduct an in-depth search into the best interest of the child or children. See below for the specific counties she serves.

**Education:**

1990 - Mercer University, Macon, Georgia, BA  
1992 - West Georgia University, Carrollton, Georgia, M.Ed. and minor in Psychology  
2012 – Paralegal Certification

**Will travel to the following counties:**

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

**ADR Fees:** \$125/hour with a two-hour minimum

**Conference Room Available?**  yes  no

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** N/A



**Casey C. Crumbley**  
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**GODR Registration:**

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:** 2013 – mediated more than 100 cases involving personal injury, business dispute, domestic/family, workers' compensation, and breach of contract cases

**Professional Experience:** Licensed attorney in two different states and practicing (primarily litigation) for over 10 years.

**Education:**

The Citadel, Business Administration, B.S.  
Faulkner University, Thomas Goode Jones School of Law, Juris Doctorate,  
University of Georgia, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Certificate

**Will travel to the following counties:**

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

**ADR Fees:** \$200/hour

**Conference Room Available?**  yes  no

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** N/A

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**GODR Registration:**

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:** Beginning in 1999 and continuing, I am a mediator for all of the metro Atlanta Superior Courts, specializing in family mediation and in general/civil cases. Additionally, since 2000 and continuing I have contracts with USPS and the Georgia Department of Education, specializing in workplace mediation and special education mediation.

**Professional Experience:** From 1984 until 1995, I was employed by the United Methodist Church as an executive at the national level. My responsibilities, over three major agencies, were administrative, supervisory and advocacy.

**Education:** I hold a Master of Social Work from WVU.

**Will travel to the following counties:**

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

Virtual mediation sessions provided for all counties.

**ADR Fees:** \$200/hour

**Conference Room Available?**  yes  no (Could be provided if requested.)

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** N/A

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**GODR Registration:**

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:**

Since 1990  
Virtual mediation conducted

**Professional Experience:**

Attorney/Lawyer since 1981  
Municipal Court Judge since 1996  
Insurance Agent  
Mediator

**Education:**

JD Columbia Southern School of Law  
Georgia State University  
Clayton State University  
National Judicial College Reno  
Specialized Domestic Violence  
Employment Law Mediation Scheinman Institute NYC 2007  
Civil Mediation National Judicial College  
Advance Mediation Skills National Judicial College Reno  
Settlement Techniques National Judicial College

**Will travel to the following counties:**

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

**ADR Fees:** \$175 per hour

**Conference Room Available?**  yes  no

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** N/A

**Candace Alynn Hill Duvernay**  
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**GODR Registration:**

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:** I have practiced law since 2009 and I have mediated since 2012. My general focus areas are Domestic Relations and Probate Law

**Professional Experience:** Ms. Duvernay has practiced law since 2009 as a sole Practitioner at Hill Duvernay and Associates, LLC. She represents clients in domestic relations cases including: divorce, child support, legitimation and child custody.

**Education:** The University of Georgia School of Law, J.D. 2009  
The University of Georgia, Bachelor of Arts, English, 2006

**Will travel to the following counties:**

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

**ADR Fees:** \$150.00/hour

**Conference Room Available?**  yes  no

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** N/A

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**GODR Registration:**

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:** Having litigated hundreds of divorce/custody cases and mediated thousands of cases since 1994, Julie Ernst-Fortin's style is direct and no-nonsense. Her practice focuses on uncontested divorce, mediation/arbitration, guardian ad litem services, wills/trusts and probate. With over 250 hours of dispute resolution training, she is approved to arbitrate and mediate domestic relations, domestic violence, juvenile and depreivation cases. She is court-approved in Clayton, Cobb, Dekalb, Fulton and Gwinnett Counties, and in the 6th, 7th, 9th and 10th Districts. She mediates in court and privately with couples who want to settle before filing for divorce. She also helps those who already agree file an uncontested divorce economically. She coaches mediation with Resolve-to-Solve, judges university competitions and consults regarding effective negotiation. Member of Georgia's Family Law Section. Licensed in Georgia, Virigina, U.S. District Court. Credit/debit cards accepted.

**Professional Experience:**

1999 - Present: Divorce, Family Law & Mediation/Arbitration Services. Julie Ernst-Fortin, PC  
1995 - 1999: Supervising & Staff Attorney, Georgia Legal Services Program, Inc.  
1995: Assistant Public Defender, Northern Judicial Circuit.  
1994: Sole Practice  
1993 - 1994: Tobin & Hoffspiegel

**Education:** Georgia State University, College of Law, J.D., 1994.  
Miami University, School of Arts & Sciences, B.A., 1989.

**Will travel to the following counties:**

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

**ADR Fees:** \$275/hour

**Conference Room Available:**  yes  no

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** N/A

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**GODR Registration:**

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:** Ms. Erwin has been a General Civil Mediator registered with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution since 2010. She has mediated numerous personal injury, landlord/tenant, construction, and general civil matters through both court ordered mediation programs and privately.

**Professional Experience:** Leslie Erwin joined the bar in 2010 after earning her Juris Doctorate degree from Mercer University's Walter F. George School of Law. She also holds a Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Studies from Mercer University. Ms. Erwin began her legal career as an associate attorney with the law firm of Power, Jaugstetter & Futch, P.C. in McDonough, Georgia, where she practiced in the areas of Estate Planning and Probate, Property Law, and Business Law. Ms. Erwin is a member of the Property Law Section of the State Bar of Georgia, the Henry County Bar Association.

**Education:** Ms. Erwin received her undergraduate degree from Mercer University and her law degree from Mercer University's Walter F. George School of Law in 2010.

**Will travel to the following counties:**

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

**ADR Fees:** \$200/hour

**Conference Room Available?**  yes  no

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** N/A

**Melanie Foster**  
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**GODR Registration:**

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:** Ms. Foster has been mediating several times per week with the 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial District since 2003. She is available to mediate in all counties of the 6<sup>th</sup> District. Registered with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution, she is available to mediate General Mediation, Domestic Relations and Specialized Domestic Violence cases. Ms. Foster believes that mediation can be an effective tool, allowing parties to have a direct say in the outcomes of their cases. Ms. Foster has an extensive background working with people of ethnic, economic and cultural diversity. She is very aware of the daily operations of a small business as she has owned and operated Waller Transport, a small trucking company. In that capacity, she has dealt with employees and customers on a daily basis, solving problems of personnel, scheduling, marketing, accounting, budgeting, organization and planning. Melanie works with a non-profit organization, Little Children of the World, assisting with accounting and software issues. Ms. Foster has coached various sports for the Lamar County Recreation Department and Griffin Christian High School. These experiences in dealing with people in different capacities, along with her educational and professional work experiences are serving her well as a mediator. Beginning in 2020, Melanie has added virtual mediation as an effective option.

**Professional Experience:** Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution (6th District Mediator) 2003 - present; Waller Transport, 1985 - present; Little Children of the World, 2000 – present.

**Education:** BBA, Mercer University, 1989; General/Civil/Business Mediation Training, Mediation Training Institute, 2003; Divorce and Family Mediation Training, Atlanta Divorce Mediators, 2003; Advanced Domestic Violence Training, Atlanta Divorce Mediators, 2003; Advanced Training in Child Issues and Parenting Plans, Atlanta Divorce Mediators; Advanced Child Support Training, Griffin Judicial Circuit

**Will travel to the following counties:**

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

**ADR Fees:** \$100/hour

**Conference Room Available?**  yes  no

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** N/A

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**GODR Registration:**

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:** I have mediated since 2010. I own and operate my own ADR Firm, whereby I provide Professional ADR Services for lawyers and judges.

**Professional Experience:** I am a real estate investor with my own Real Estate Investment Firm, with an extensive portfolio with properties in multiple states. Additionally, I have authored and published two literary works.

**Education:** I have a B.S. in Psychology; Master's Degree Level Certificate in Professional Counseling; a Doctorate Degree in Theology; and a Juris Doctorate in Law, graduating Magna Cum Laude.

**Will travel to the following counties:**

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

**ADR Fees:** \$150/hour

**Conference Room Available?**  yes  no

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** Spanish



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**GODR Registration:**

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:** Ms. Garcia has mediated over 100 cases since 2012. She is a private mediator and is also registered as a mediator with the 6<sup>th</sup> District, Clayton, Cobb, and Gwinnett counties.

**Professional Experience:** Ms. Garcia has been in private practice since 1996, concentrating her practice in the areas of Family Law and Adoptions. She has also served as a Guardian ad Litem in custody cases in Cobb, Dekalb, and Gwinnett counties. She is fluent in Spanish and serves the English and Spanish speaking communities.

**Education:** Emory University School of Law, J.D., 1995;  
Vassar College, B.A. 1993

**Will travel to the following counties:**

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

All counties for virtual mediations

**ADR Fees:** \$175/hour

**Conference Room Available?**  yes  no

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** Spanish

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**GODR Registration:**

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:** Professional Mediator/Arbitrator since 2007. Registered with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution and on the approved list for the 6th District, Clayton County, and Coweta County.

**Professional Experience:** Mary M. House is an attorney with her own law firm in Stockbridge and Griffin, Georgia, and a registered Mediator/Arbitrator since 2007. She received her law degree from Mercer University and her undergraduate degree from Emory University. She has been practicing law for the last 24 years. Prior to moving to McDonough in 1998, she practiced law with the Atlanta firm, Gorby, Reeves, Moraitakis and Whiteman, primarily representing doctors, hospitals, school boards and major companies throughout Georgia in various civil matters. She additionally served as in-house counsel for the Georgia Department of Education from 1988-1989. She continues her representation of both Plaintiffs and Defendants, businesses and individuals, in various civil litigation and domestic matters, as well as a general practice. She has found the mediation process to be extremely effective in resolving disputes in her own legal practice.

**Education:** Emory University, BA 1983  
Mercer University School of Law, JD 1987

**Will travel to the following counties:**

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

**ADR Fees:** \$200/hour

**Conference Room Available?**  yes  no

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**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** N/A

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**GODR Registration:**

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:** Jennifer has been a registered neutral with the State of Georgia since 2010 and has mediated matters since 2002. She mediates divorce and family law matters (to include child support), employment issues, business and contract disputes, and personal injury. Virtual mediations available through Zoom and phone sessions.

**Professional Experience:** Jennifer has been a member of the State Bar of Georgia since 2001. As a litigator and business owner, Jennifer has real world knowledge of the expenses, challenges, accounting, and pressure points that most parties face in a disputed matter. She also has over a decade of experience working with insured claims. Jennifer has a high settlement rate with a reputation for not being a message carrier, but a deal maker.

**Education:** B.A. Davidson College  
M.Ed. Columbia University  
J.D. Wake Forest University

**Will travel to the following counties:**

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

**ADR Fees:** \$125/hour per party

**Conference Room Available?**  yes  no

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** N/A

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**GODR Registration:**

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:** As a professional mediator since 2009, I have assisted hundreds of individuals and businesses to reach resolutions of their differences in a wide range of disputes. I believe that being able to help people who are stuck in conflict requires a neutral person who can really listen and hear their concerns. Only then are they able to trust the process enough to consider creative options for resolutions. While I primarily focus on disputes involving families (domestic, juvenile, education, and probate), I also frequently mediate civil matters in a range of areas. I have served as a mediation coach for many training programs.

**Professional Experience:** I am a registered neutral with GODR in the areas listed above and an active member of the State Bar of Georgia. My practice now is exclusively mediation. My legal experience was with the Georgia Attorney General's Office. I was also an educator in Georgia working with disabled children for many years. I am a professional artist currently self-represented.

**Education:** Georgia State College of Law, J.D. 1993, Outstanding Woman Law Graduate awarded by Georgia Association of Women Lawyers; Georgia State, M.Ed. with honors, 1982, B.S.Ed. with honors, 1979. Completion of over 300 hours of training in various ADR areas.

**Will travel to the following counties:**

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

Will consider travel as needed. Since May 2020, my practice has been fully set up to handle virtual mediations using Zoom and DocuSign.

**ADR Fees:** \$200/hour

**Conference Room Available?**  yes  no

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** N/A

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**GODR Registration:**

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:** Mrs. Embry Jones has been a registered mediator since 2014. Mrs. Embry Jones has been practicing law since 2008.

**Professional Experience:** Bethaney Embry Jones is a hardworking, experienced, and passionate attorney who began her legal career working as a Staff Attorney in the DeKalb County Superior Court. As a Staff Attorney, she worked on a high number of Family Law and General Civil Law matters and gained invaluable experience and insight into the manner in which cases are litigated.

Prior to becoming a registered Mediator in Georgia, Ms. Embry handled Mediations in Raleigh, North Carolina after she completed the Superior Court Mediation 40-Hour Course with Carolina Dispute Settlement Services. Bethaney has handled nearly every type of Family Law matter including complex divorces, highly contested custody disputes, contentious move-away proceedings, legitimation, contempt actions, and restraining orders.

Bethaney has also handled a variety of general civil litigation matters that include Contract Law, Foreclosures, Dispossessory Appeals, Home Owners Association Litigation, Medical Malpractice and Automobile Accidents. Bethaney's previous work experience also includes clerking at the Court of Appeals of North Carolina and working at a General Civil Litigation firm. Bethaney is actively involved in the legal community as a member of the Georgia Association of Women Lawyers where she serves on the Foundation Board as Co-Chair of the Grants Committee and previously served as Co-Chair of the Community Service Committee for two years. Bethaney Embry Jones is actively involved in the Atlanta community and she enjoys giving back to the community by volunteering for numerous nonprofit organizations.

**Education:** Spelman College, B.S. Chemistry; North Carolina Central University School of Law, J.D.

**Will travel to the following counties:**

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

**ADR Fees:** \$250.00/hour

**Conference Room Available?**  yes  no

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** N/A

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**GODR Registration:**

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:** I have served as a mediator since 2006, having conducted over 800 cases. I mediate all types of domestic relations matters including divorce, legitimation, contempt matters and all types of modifications. I specialize in mediating especially difficult divorce and custody cases, including contentious disputes over parenting time, child support, alimony and division of assets. I also have extensive expertise mediating bodily injury, property damage, business disputes, probate, landlord/tenant, and breach of contract. In addition, I have received specialized training for mediating disputes related to educational institutions.

**Professional Experience:** I am an attorney, licensed to practice law since 2000. I served for 5 years as a Judge Pro Hac and Staff Attorney for the State Court of Fayette County (2007-2011). I adjudicated various civil matters including claims for premises liability, debtor/creditor disputes, automobile accidents and business disputes. I have direct trial experience providing representation for all phases of litigation from pre-suit negotiations through jury trials. I have expertise with determining admissibility of evidence, analyzing applicable law and developing trial strategies. Through mediating, I am able to utilize the knowledge obtained through my judicial experience and practice experience to help parties effectively address disputes.

**Education:**

University of Florida, BA Sociology

Temple University School of Law, JD

**Will travel to the following counties:**

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

**ADR Fees:** \$150/hour, split between the parties

**Conference Room Available?**  yes  no Also conducting virtual mediations (via Zoom) upon request.

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** N/A

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**GODR Registration:**

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:** Mediating since 2015

**Professional Experience:**

Securities Analyst

- Sanford C. Bernstein
- Interstate Securities
- Scott & Stringfellow

Investment Advisor

- Morgan Stanley
- AmRET

Financial Relations Consultant

- Rusty Page & Co.

Vice-President – Finance

- Excision BioTherapeutics, Inc.

**Education:**

BA – University of Rochester

MSM - Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

**Will travel to the following counties:**

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

**ADR Fees:** \$300/hour

**Conference Room Available?**  yes  no

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** N/A

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**GODR Registration:**

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:** I have mediated over 5,000 cases since beginning in 1994. Experience includes domestic, personal injury, probate, business disputes, collections, probate, construction, intra-governmental issues and just about everything else.

**Professional Experience:** Certified Financial Planner since 1995. I am regularly retained as a financial expert in various areas of litigation support.

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts in Ministry, Masters program in Family Counseling, Certified Financial Planner coursework and examinations.

**Will travel to the following counties:**

Selected cases (travel or virtual):

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

Will conduct virtual mediations for all counties.

**ADR Fees:** \$150/hour with two-hour minimum domestic cases  
\$200/hour with two-hour minimum general civil cases

**Conference Room Available:**  yes  no

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** N/A



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**GODR Registration:**

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:** Serving as a mediator since 2000, Mr. Lundy has conducted in-person and virtual mediation and/or arbitration sessions involving domestic relations, personal injury, estate, partnership, contract, neighborhood and general business disputes. He has extensive experience with cases in Superior, State, Magistrate, and Probate Courts.

**Professional Experience:** Mr. Lundy has over 30 years corporate business experience with an emphasis in individual and group communications. Of that time, over 20 years in management level experience in the communications, personnel, marketing, customer relations, and technology fields.

2000-Present – Private mediation practice

1969-2000 – Delta Airlines – Corporate Communications

**Education:** Bachelor of Business Administration - Georgia State University 1974

**Will travel to the following counties:**

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

**ADR Fees:** \$150/hour

**Conference Room Available?**  yes  no

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** N/A

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**GODR Registration:**

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:**

Keith Massiah has served as a mediator in hundreds of domestic and civil cases including divorce actions involving minor children and property distribution, legitimation, separate maintenance and contempt issues. In addition, Mr. Massiah mediates cases including personal injury, workplace disputes and other matters of a civil nature.

Mr. Massiah is a registered neutral with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution and serves on the Commission of Dispute Resolution as a mediator advisor, under the auspices of the Georgia Supreme Court.

**Professional Experience:**

Mr. Massiah has a wealth of professional experience in the field of legal compliance, accounting and auditing. Mr. Massiah held the position of legal compliance manager with a Fortune 500 company where his primary responsibility was ensuring compliance with Federal and State regulator laws. In addition, Mr. Massiah was named as an assistant vice-president for a major banking institution overseeing information technology compliance and accounting audits.

**Education:**

JD – John Marshall Law School 1996; MBA – Bernau University 1994; BS -Accounting – Rutgers University 1989

**Will travel to the following counties:**

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

**ADR Fees:** \$200/hour

**Conference Room Available?**  yes  no

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** N/A

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**GODR Registration:**

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:**

Ms. Moreland has provided mediation services since 2019.

**Professional Experience:** Ms. Moreland has worked in the counseling field since 1985. She has provided counseling in numerous settings: vocational rehabilitation counseling; school counseling (elementary, middle, and high schools); parental counseling of children with special needs; mental health counseling on a Mobile Crisis Intervention Team for people with developmental disabilities, as well as mental health diagnoses; Crisis Intervention Unit for Adults; Crisis Intervention Unit for Children and Adolescents; and Military and Family Life Counselor for military personnel, spouses, and children.

**Education:** Ms. Moreland received her B.S.Ed. in Educational Psychology, M.Ed. in Rehabilitation Counseling, and Ed.S. in School Counseling. All degrees are from the University of Georgia.

She has been registered as a mediator since 2015 and has been a Licensed Professional Counselor since 2017.

**Will travel to the following counties:**

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

**ADR Fees:** \$100/hour with a two-hour minimum

**Conference Room Available?**  yes  no (Will secure a room if needed.)

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** N/A

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**GODR Registration:**

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR and Professional Experience:** Ms. Kathy Muller is a graduate of the University of Tennessee. She has a BS in Public Health Education. After college, she worked as the Program Coordinator for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. She has also been a teacher and Program Director for the Arthritis Foundation, Georgia Chapter. While working with the Fayette County Board of Education, she was a trainer of mediators for the peer mediation program at her school. She has also worked as a Patient Advocate for Piedmont Hospital. She has two children who are graduates of Auburn University, and her husband is a commercial Real Estate Developer.

**Will travel to the following counties:**

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

**ADR Fees:** \$125/hour

**Conference Room Available?**  yes  no

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** N/A

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**GODR Registration:**

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:** Began mediating in 1996

Created and implemented the ADR Program for the Clayton Judicial Circuit in March, 1996.

Administered the program until retirement in March 2017

**Professional Experience:** Over 40 years of administrative work in the Georgia Court systems, including Cobb Juvenile Court, Cobb Superior Court, and Clayton County Courts.

**Education:** BS – Psychology – University of Alabama  
Certificate of Management, Carl Vinson Institute, UGA, 1998

**Will travel to the following counties:**

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

**ADR Fees:** \$100/hour

**Conference Room Available?**  yes  no

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** N/A

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**GODR Registration:**

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:** Donnie has been practicing family law since 1991. He has been mediating domestic and general civil cases since 2007.

**Professional Experience:** 1991 – Present – Attorney at Law; 2007 – Present - Mediator

**Education:** A.S. – Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College  
B.S. – University of Georgia  
J.D. – Woodrow Wilson College of Law

**Will travel to the following counties:**

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

**ADR Fees:** \$150/hour

**Conference Room Available:**  yes  no

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** N/A

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**GODR Registration:**

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:** Deborah Reddick has been a trained and certified mediator since 2016. She received her initial and advanced training at the Justice Center of Atlanta and Henning Mediation Services. In addition to offering private mediation services, Deborah is an active roster member of several local ADR Programs including the 6<sup>th</sup> District, Clayton, Cobb and Fulton Counties. As of spring 2021 she has facilitated well over 1,500 mediation sessions including personal injury, probate, landlord/tenant, divorce, child custody/support and business disputes. In early 2020 Deborah expanded her practice to include virtual online mediation services. She has currently successfully facilitated over 200 online sessions.

**Professional Experience:**

- Member of the Georgia Bar Associations' Fee Arbitration Panel since 2018
- Twenty-five plus years of Sales, Training, and Customer Relations experience
- Owned and operated a successful small business (Storage Solutions, Newnan, GA) for 16 years
- US Army veteran, served during Desert Storm

**Education:**

BBA – Management, Georgia State University

**Will travel to the following counties:**

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

**ADR Fees:** \$200/hour

**Conference Room Available?**  yes  no

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** Spanish, French, or Korean interpreter provided at no additional costs for private cases that require language assistance.

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**GODR Registration:**

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:** George C. Reid has experience in the following areas of Civil Law: appellate, commercial/business, condominiums, construction, contract disputes, eminent domain, engineering, environmental, insurance, land use/planning, local government, probate, professional fees, professional negligence, public policy and real estate

**Professional Experience:** For more than thirty years, Mr. George Reid's practice has focused on the litigation, arbitration and mediation of complex construction disputes. He also has extensive experience in the negotiation and drafting of construction and other procurement contracts including engineering agreements, architectural service agreements, general contracts, subcontracts, construction management agreements, cable television service contracts and equipment purchase agreements. This construction claims and contracting experience has related to a wide variety of commercial projects including high-rise office structures, hospitals, hotels, shopping centers, wastewater treatment plants, industrial buildings, hydroelectric plants, and sports arenas. He also has extensive experience with both single-family and multi-family residential projects.

George has successfully mediated disputes for more than ten years and has actively served as an arbitrator for more than twenty years. His mediation practice has encompassed disputes by and between owners, real estate developers, contractors, subcontractors, sureties, architects, engineers, insurance companies, local governing authorities and others. As a pro-active mediator with the benefit of wide construction experience, he has an excellent record of helping parties resolve disputes. Additionally, as an arbitrator George has served individually, and as a panel member, on both large and complex cases, as well as on small fast-track cases, involving virtually every type of construction project. This arbitration experience also provides unique insight which is often helpful in the mediation process.

**Education:** University of Georgia (A.B. 1970); Mercer University (J.D., magna cum laude, 1973).

**Will travel to the following counties:**

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

**ADR Fees:** \$390/hour

**Conference Room Available?**  yes  no

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** N/A



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**GODR Registration:**

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:** 15 years experience in South Metro area

**Professional Experience:** Attorney in private practice focusing on domestic relations

**Education:** JD

**Will travel to the following counties:**

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

**ADR Fees:** \$125/hour

**Conference Room Available?**  yes  no

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** N/A

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**GODR Registration:**

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:** Assisting Business owners to facilitate communication and eliminating misunderstandings with employees and customers since late 2014.

**Professional Experience:** State Farm's Sheila Sanchez Insurance Agency, May 2012-Present as Business Manager.

**Education:** B.S. Culinary Management with Minor in Culinary Arts (2003)

**Will travel to the following counties:**

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

**ADR Fees:** \$175/hour

**Conference Room Available?**  yes  no Conference room with teleconference available.

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** Speak Spanish and Portuguese. Proficient in business claims.

**Christina L. Scott, J.D.**

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**GODR Registration:**

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:** Christina is the Founder and Director of Covenant Mediation Services. She is an experienced mediator who has been mediating professionally since 2006 in court annexed programs as well as privately. Christina has mediated over 1800 cases and specializes in high asset divorce cases and negligent injury cases. She is also skilled in resolving disputes involving property, contracts, business dissolution, real estate, tax appeals, and alimony. With over 100 hours of training in mediation, conflict resolution, and continuing education, Christina has consulted on a number of conflict related topics to private organizations. She strongly believes in the fundamental tenants of mediation: self-determination, neutrality and confidentiality. Her goal is always to empower others in the mediation process by listening to their needs and assisting them in reaching resolution peacefully.

**Professional Experience:** Prior to 2006, Christina's experience included work in the areas of Injury and Family law, as well as high level corporate sales. Christina is a former adjunct Business Law Professor at Perimeter College and former consumer arbitrator with the BBB. She is also a licensed Realtor, providing specialized referral services.

**Education:**

Juris Doctor - University of Florida Levine College of Law

Bachelor of Science in Advertising - University of Florida

**Will travel to the following counties:**

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

ADR Fees: \$250/hour

**Conference Room Available?**  yes  no

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** N/A

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**GODR Registration:**

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:** Newly registered having met the requirements of the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution

**Professional Experience:** Partner/Auditor for Royalty Management Associates – Conducted on-site Royalty Audits for Professional Sports (NFL,MLB,NHL and NBA); Collegiate Sports (CLC - consortium of 200 colleges and universities, NCAA, Conferences and Bowls); Lucas Films and Curtis Managements.

Director of Personnel – A.L. Williams Company

Vice President of a large sales group covering the Southeast (Jennifer Lynn)

President of a Travel Agency – ALW Travel

**Education:** Some college with other specialized training

**Will travel to the following counties:**

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

**ADR Fees:** \$100/hour

**Conference Room Available?**  yes  no

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** N/A

**Charlatte Smith**

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**GODR Registration:**

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:** Mediating since 2008, experienced in juvenile delinquency and dependency, domestic relations, and civil. Charlatte has worked in juvenile and domestic cases in Juvenile and Superior Courts. On the list for the 6<sup>th</sup> District and Clayton County. Available to conduct video conference mediations.

**Professional Experience:** A wealth of experience in juvenile court for over 12 years as a mediator and probations officer. Knowledgeable in the real estate field.

**Education:** LSUS Master's Degree in Business Administration (with honors), 2020  
Realtor since 2006  
Mercer University – Bachelor of Science in Social Science (with honors) 2002

**Will travel to the following counties:**

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

**ADR Fees:** \$150/hour

**Conference Room Available?**  yes  no

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** N/A

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**GODR Registration:**

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:** Mr. Sullivan has been Registered as Domestic Relations Mediator since March 16, 2000 and Registered as Arbitrator since February 8, 2002. Most of his mediation work has been in the areas of personal injury, contracts, construction, and domestic relations.

**Professional Experience:** Mr. Sullivan has been in the private practice of law since 1983. Initially, he was a general practitioner, but in the last 28 years, he has done mostly personal injury cases.

Mr. Sullivan has also run several real estate development businesses for about 40 years lending him extensive practical experience in owning and operating small businesses.

Mr. Sullivan was an Assistant Professor of Business Law (adjunct) at Mercer University for 20 years teaching Business Law I and Business Law II.

**Education:** Mr. Sullivan is a graduate of Mercer University with a degree in Business Administration and Woodrow-Wilson College of Law with a Juris Doctorate.

**Will travel to the following counties:**

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

**ADR Fees:** \$195/hour with a 2 hour minimum

**Conference Room Available?**  yes  no

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** N/A

**Michael Sumner**

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**GODR Registration:**

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:** Certified mediator since 2012. Mr. Sumner only mediates estate/probate/trust matters. He has over 25 years of service as a court-appointed administrator and court-appointed conservator for minors and adults. Mr. Sumner has mediated complex estate and trust disputes for the past 9 years.

**Professional Experience:**

Admitted to Georgia Bar, 1984. Admitted to practice in Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals; U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia; United States Tax Court; Georgia Supreme Court; and Georgia Court of Appeals  
Coweta County Probate Court-appointed estate Administrator and Conservator since 1997

**Education:**

B.S. – University of Virginia 1980  
J.D. – University of Georgia 1984

**Will travel to the following counties:**

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

**ADR Fees:** \$250/hour

**Conference Room Available:**  yes  no

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** N/A

**Tracey Victoria Weiner**  
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**GODR Registration:**

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:** I have been a registered Mediator for General Civil Mediation and Domestic Relations Mediation since November 27, 2012 and for Specialized Domestic Violence Mediation since December 2020.

**Professional Experience:** I am a practicing attorney, licensed in the State of Georgia since 1998. The majority of my experience is in family law cases, which include divorce, legitimation, custody, and child support.

**Education:** Graduate of John Marshall Law School; undergraduate Bachelor of Science degree from Georgia State University.

**Will travel to the following counties:**

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

**ADR Fees:** \$150/hour

**Conference Room Available?**  yes  no

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** N/A



**Charles E. White**  
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**GODR Registration:**

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:** Registered as a Mediator (Civil, Domestic, Specialize Domestic Violence, Juvenile) and Arbitrator with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution since 1998.

Has mediated and/or arbitrated in excess of 3000 cases in a majority of the counties in Georgia involving domestic, special education (mediation and IEP Facilitator) landlord/tenant, employment, contracts, construction, personal injury, property, and commercial disputes.

Under contract with the State of Georgia Department of Education for mediations involving Special Education and Charter School issues.

Under contract with the State of Georgia Department of Education for Facilitated Individual Education Plans (FIEP) involving Special Education issues.

Have mediated hundreds of Juvenile cases in Gwinnett and Clayton Counties.

On the Arbitration Panel for:

- FINRA (Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, formally known as the National Associations of Security Dealers), New York, New York
- Construction Dispute Resolution Services, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Mediation Trainer and/or Coach for:

- University of Georgia Law School - Mediation Practicum
- John Marshall Law School - Mediation Practicum
- Georgia State University Law School - Mediation Practicum
- Kennesaw State University - Conflict Resolution Program
- Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution - Mediation Coach
- Resolve to Solve - Mediation Trainer and Coach
- Brenau University's National Intercollegiate Mediation Tournament - Judge

**Professional Experience:** Mr. White has forty-five years of professional experience in business commercial contracts, zoning, property use and construction. Contract and construction experience involves contracts in excess of \$100 million, and zoning issues as small as retail tenant use to mega- mall issues.

1992 - Current: Rockwood Ltd.

**Education:** Auburn University, B.S. Building Technology, 1976.

**Will travel to the following counties:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lamar    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monroe  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pike  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spalding | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upson   |   |

**ADR Fees:** \$180/hour with a 2 hour minimum

**Conference Room Available?**  yes  no

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** N/A

**Dennis White**

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**GODR Registration:**

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:**

- Registered with GODR since 1/2009
- Registered in General, Domestic Relations and Specialized Domestic Violence Mediation
- Mediated Magistrate and Probate Cases in Fulton County since 2009
- Mediated domestic, State and Probate cases in the 6<sup>th</sup> District ADR Program since 2018
- Selected to mediate for private defense law firms, Taylor English, Progressive in house
- 36 years' experience in the private sector resolving employment and labor disputes

**Professional Experience:**

- 36 years' experience in the private sector handling all aspects of human resources including employment and labor relations as well as general business issues such as compensation, benefits, mergers, divestments, and legal issues around general liability claims. My last position was VP of Human Resources for Lafarge North America
- Admitted to the Georgia State Bar in 1983. Currently practice law in a small firm with my daughter focusing on personal injury cases.
- Served on a county Board of Education for 16 years
- Volunteer work in the community has included helping people who are transitioning in their jobs through an organization called Career Cross Roads and working as a Stephen Minister in the United Methodist Church.

**Education:**

- B.S. Industrial Management – Georgia Institute of Technology
- Master of Arts Organizational Development – Fielding Graduate University
- Juris Doctor – Woodrow Wilson College of Law
- Graduate Certificate in Evidence Based Coaching – Fielding Graduate University

**Will travel to the following counties:**

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

**ADR Fees:** \$175/hour

**Conference Room Available?**  yes  no

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** N/A

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**GODR Registration:**

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:**

DeKalb County Superior Court and Juvenile Court (including onsite calendars)  
Fulton County Superior, Magistrate Court and Juvenile Court (including onsite calendars)  
Cobb County Superior, Juvenile Court (and Volunteer Mediator for Cobb Magistrate Court)  
Clayton County Superior Court and Juvenile Court  
Coweta County/Troup County/Meriwether County, Superior and Juvenile Court (Coweta)  
Federal EEOC Mediator  
Justice Center of Atlanta, Mediation Training Coach  
University/Technical Colleges (Workplace Disputes)  
Private Mediations, upon request

**Professional Experience:**

Owner, Premier Workforce Solutions, LLC–Human Capital Mgmt/Organizational Development  
Former State of GA Employee working in various professional positions held in HR community including Director of Workforce and Succession Planning, 1998-2014  
Carter Center of Emory University, Admin Assistant 1994-1997  
IBM, Marketing Support Assistant, 1990-1993  
Fulton County, Admin Assistant, 1987-1990  
GSU, various positions/Administrative Assistant, 1982-1987

**Education:**

GSU, AS  
Saint Leo College, BA  
Central Michigan University MSA  
Capella University PhD

**Will travel to the following counties:**

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

**ADR Fees:** \$225/hour

**Conference Room Available?**  yes  no

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** N/A

**Reginald F. Williams**

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**GODR Registration:**

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:** Mr. Williams has over eight years of mediation experiences and actively serving on the roster of or in a contract capacity with the following: Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development, Georgia Department of Education (GDOE), Georgia Office of Community Affairs, Fulton County, DeKalb County, Clayton County, Sixth Judicial Circuit, Seventh Judicial Circuit, and Tenth Judicial Circuit. Mediation experience includes, but not limited to: personal injury, divorce, contracts, collections, landlord/tenant, foreclosure, revolving credit, domestic issues, special education, and a number of other issues.

Areas of training and experience include: Domestic Relations, Specialized Domestic Violence, Deprivation, Special Education, Juvenile, 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abductions.

**Professional Experience:** Mr. Williams' most recent experience was in the capacity of an accounts management manager where he managed the collections operations of a private label credit card company. His management career has entailed managing the operations of companies to ensure their overall viability within their respective industries.

**Education:**

BBA '94 (Georgia Southern University)

MSCM '07 (Kennesaw State University)

MBE Candidate Summer '09 (University of West Georgia)

**Will travel to the following counties:**

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

**ADR Fees:** \$200/hour

**Conference Room Available:**  yes  no

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** N/A

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**GODR Registration:**

- General
- Domestic Relations
- Specialized Domestic Violence
- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

**ADR Experience:** Marian Zerkus is an experienced professional mediator that has mediated in Georgia since 2010 and helped hundreds of individuals and businesses resolve a wide variety of disputes. Her diverse experiences enhance her ability to understand and relate to each party's unique perspectives to facilitate the creation of effective solutions. Since 2011, she has been the primary Day of Trial mediator for Fulton County Magistrate Civil Court and also mediates both Juvenile delinquency and dependency cases. She is registered with Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution to mediate domestic relations, juvenile delinquency, juvenile dependency and general mediation cases and is available to mediate in all eight counties in the 6th Judicial District.

**Professional Experience:** Marian has worked for over 15 years with an electric utility in the areas of financial analysis, marketing, contracts and special projects. She was also the owner and operator of a small business and an education advocate for several schools in the area. Marian has a proven record of effectively working with people of different cultural, economic, ethnic and educational backgrounds.

**Education:** Marian has a degree in Industrial Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

**Will travel to the following counties:**

- Butts
- Fayette
- Henry
- Lamar
- Monroe
- Pike
- Spalding
- Upson

**ADR Fees:** \$175/hour

**Conference Room Available:**  yes  no

**Other (i.e. second language, sign language, etc.):** N/A