

MEDIATOR INFORMATION FORM

Background information:

The role of a Mediator is to facilitate bringing the various parties to a dispute together in order to reach a mutually agreeable resolution of the dispute.

I was raised in Michigan which led me to go to the University of Detroit where I earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Management and where I earned a Juris Doctor degree. I was admitted to the Michigan Bar in September 1970.

From March of 1971 to October 1974 I was a member of the Judge Advocate General's Corps in the Army. As an Army lawyer, I primarily handled criminal defense cases and general legal assistance for the troops.

In October of 1974, I was admitted to the Bar in Washington and started my practice in Bellingham. I began, as most attorneys, with a general practice handling most types of cases. I believe that it was in 1976, that I had my first bankruptcy case; when I went to Bankruptcy Court in Bellingham to learn how to present upcoming the case, Judge Freeman asked me if I was interested in becoming a Trustee. Since I was a struggling attorney needing business, I agreed.

As a Trustee, I have handled cases involving virtually every area of the law, including Alaska Limited Entry Fishing Permits, NIMPS fishing quotas, admiralty, intellectual property, criminal law, family law, probate, real property, contracts, security interests, and various others. As a Trustee, I do not have any control over the cases which are assigned to me; therefore, I frequently have to learn new areas of the law as cases having those issues are assigned to me.

There have been several cases which I have been involved with that have had published opinions from the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. There are also several other reported decisions. I have written two articles concerning bankruptcy in the Washington State Bar News. I have also had several other articles published

elsewhere.

I have attended several classes on mediation and have served as a mediator. I was listed on the U.S. District Court site as a mediator and an arbitrator for several years. I have been a party and represented parties in mediations.

As a Mediator, I bring a broad knowledge of the law, litigation experience, intellectual capability, and the ability to listen to the parties as they search for a resolution of the dispute.

Geographic areas:

I am available to mediate cases from Seattle to the Canadian border.

Areas of the law handled:

I am willing to serve as a mediator in all areas of the law.