



## **Barbara Sunderland Manouso, Ph.D., MPH**

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Dr. Barbara Sunderland Manouso, Ph.D., M.P.H., CEO and founder of Manouso Mediation and Arbitration, LLC and Solution2Conflict, has taught and practiced mediation and arbitration worldwide, since 1993, as a family and civil mediator, arbitrator, ombudsman, facilitator, negotiator, conflict resolution coach, as well as author of articles and book chapters, related to her research and practice. In addition, for many years, she has been a professor in *Global Conflict Management* at the University of St. Thomas in Houston, TX, training foreign-service officers. She has worked for years closely with many professional conflict management organizations, the Houston Better Business Bureau's ADR programs, the Small Business Administration, and Texas Bar Association.

Her baccalaureate was from Brown University; Master of Public Health, from the University of Texas School of Public Health; and Ph.D., from Nova Southeastern University. She also holds a graduate certificate in Healthcare and Conflict. She attended South Texas College of Law and chaired the Healthcare Society and holds many ADR certificates, those required by statute and numerous conflict certificates and hours beyond statute requirements.

A former president of the Association of Conflict Resolution Houston chapter, she is internationally recognized as a leader and mentor in the field of mediation and arbitration. From 2015 to 2018, she chaired the international Association for Conflict Resolution International's Education, Research, and Training Section and from 2012 to 2015, she chaired the ACR international Health Care Section. She has lectured in Shanghai, China, Bangkok, Thailand, Goa, India, Halifax, Canada, Ireland, Mexico, and New Zealand. Students come from around the world to take her trainings in Houston.

In 2019, she received the *Suzanne Adams Award* from the Texas Association of Mediators, as the top dispute resolution practitioner in Texas. In 2018, she was recognized for a *Lifetime Achievement Award* in mediation and arbitration from the Association for Conflict Resolution Houston Chapter, *A Houston Business Journal Mentor*, and *A Woman Who Means Business* by the *Houston Business Journal*. In 2010, she was recognized as *One of the Fifty Most Influential Women in Houston* by *Houston Women's Magazine*. In 1992, she was recognized by the Egyptian Suez Government. In 1972, she was recognized by the White House as Rhode Island's Outstanding Small Business.

She is a member of the University of Texas Consortium on Aging, was president, now board member, of the Houston Gerontological Society, Brown University Alumni, Association for Conflict Resolution Houston Chapter, and the University of Texas School of Public Health Alumni association.