

Judge Margaret G. Mirabal  
Arbitrator, Mediator, Senior Judge

A former Justice on the First Court of Appeals, Margaret Mirabal was elected to the Court in 1988 and re-elected in 1990 and 1996. Her term expired December 31, 2002. She remains active in Public Service as a visiting Judge sitting by assignment, and as an Arbitrator, Mediator, Consultant and Special Judge under the "Trial by Special Judge" statute.

- ★ Arbitrator, Mediator, "Special Judge", and Consultant (Present)
- ★ Visiting Trial and Appellate Judge since 1/1/03
- ★ Appellate Judge, First Court of Appeals (1988-2002)
- ★ Author, over 1500 Appellate Opinions
- ★ 1996 "Appellate Judge of the Year," Texas Association of Civil Trial and Appellate Specialists
- ★ Frequent Lecturer, Legal Education Programs
- ★ Member, Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Court-Annexed Mediations ('96-2004)
- ★ Advisory Board Member, Resolution Forum, Inc. (2001-2004)
- ★ Member, Garland Walker American Inns of Court ('98-2004)
- ★ President, A.A. White Dispute Resolution Institute Board of Directors ('91-'93)
- ★ Member, Supreme Court Task Force on Appointments by Judges ('92-'93)
- ★ Director, Houston Bar Association Board of Directors ('82-'84)
- ★ Voting Member, House of Delegates, American Bar Association ('84-'90)
- ★ Life Fellow, American Bar Foundation
- ★ Sustaining Life Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation
- ★ Sustaining Life Fellow, Houston Bar Foundation
- ★ Director, Dispute Resolution Center of Harris County Board of Directors ('93-2002)
- ★ Director, Gulf Coast Legal Foundation Board of Directors ('81-'89)
- ★ Co-Chair of Qualifications, Training and Ethical Standards Task Force of HBA ADR Committee ('93-'94)
- ★ Council Member, HBA Appellate Practice Section ('98-'99)
- ★ Executive Committee Member, Garland Walker American Inns of Court ('98-'99)
- ★ Council Member, State Bar ADR Section ('94-'97)
- ★ Faculty, A.A. White Dispute Resolution Institute Mediation Training ('93-'95)
- ★ Faculty, Houston Bar Association Peer Mediation Project ('93-2001)

- ★ Faculty, Harris County Dispute Resolution Center Mediation Training ('91)
- ★ Faculty and Advisory Committee Member, South Texas College of Law Center for Legal Responsibility ('94-'97)
- ★ Vice-President and Director, Houston Northwest Bar Association ('88-'89)
- ★ Moderator, Moderated Settlement Program for Civil Cases ('86-'88)
- ★ Mediator, Dispute Resolution Centers ('81-'86)
- ★ Chairman, HBA Committee on Legal Aid & Pro Bono Services ('79-'82) (Received HBA President's Award for Outstanding Service '80 and '81)
- ★ "Women of Excellence" Award, Federation of Houston Professional Women Decade of Distinction Awards (1991)
- ★ Honorary Member, Phi Delta Phi
- ★ Charter Member, Texas Supreme Court Historical Society

### **SCHOLARSHIP**

- ★ University of Texas School of Law, J.D. 1975
- ★ University of Texas at Austin, B.A. 1972
- ★ Mount Carmel High School, Houston, 1969

### **EXPERIENCED LITIGATOR**

#### *Former Associations:*

- ★ Head of Law Firm ('81-'88)  
Mirabal & Associates  
Houston, Texas
- ★ Sheinfeld, Maley & Kay ('76-'81)  
Cox, Rody & Dawson  
Houston, Texas
- ★ First Court of Civil Appeals, Briefing Attorney ('75-'76)

#### *Admitted to Practice before:*

- ★ Supreme Court of the United States