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ATTORNEY | MEDIATOR | ARBITRATOR

Goal-driven, self-motivated attorney with a proven track record as an aggressive litigator, successful manager, team player, and leader. Skilled at drafting discovery, pleadings, motions, taking and defending depositions, researching case law, interpreting case facts, and developing litigation strategies. A mediator with demonstrated analytical and problem-solving skills crafting imaginative, thorough, and practical solutions. An arbitrator with the ability to listen to the evidence, apply the law to the facts, and provide fair and objective determinations.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Law Office Of Mary E. Skelnik,
Owner, 2007- Present

- Mediation and resolution of simple, complex, and multiparty cases. Risk evaluation, mediation, and negotiation of claims and defenses involving contract, insurance, healthcare, fraud, business, employment, commercial, personal injury/property damage, product/premises liability, and probate law.
- Arbitration resulting in the determination of claims and defenses relating to healthcare, employment, fraud, negligence, consumer rights, lemon law, securities violations, personal injury, and property tax issues. ADR Panels include:

  American Arbitration Association Panel of Asbestos Neutrals
  American Health Law Association Panel of Neutrals
  Council of Better Business Bureaus Inc. Auto Line Arbitrator
  Financial Industry Regulatory Authority Panel of Public Arbitrators
  Texas Comptroller's Registry of Arbitrators - Property Tax Appeals
  Texas Department of Insurance - Arbitrator for Medical Billing Disputes
  Various Asbestos Personal Injury Settlement Trusts Panel of Neutrals

- Provide counsel and advocate on behalf of employers and employees regarding employment discrimination, retaliation, termination, fair pay, leave, unemployment compensation, non compete and non solicitation agreements.
- Representation of unsecured and secured creditors (individuals and small businesses) in a wide array of out of court/pre-bankruptcy workouts, bankruptcy/ reorganization proceedings, and other collection/ insolvency matters.
- Certified to serve as Guardian Ad Litem and Attorney Ad Litem in Texas. Representation of minors, incapacitated individuals, and missing heirs in the district and probate courts of Collin and Dallas Counties.

Baron & Budd, P.C. – Dallas, Texas
Shareholder, 1987-2007

- Extensive civil litigation experience handling complex products liability, mass tort, bankruptcy, and insurance coverage cases in one of the largest personal injury and toxic tort firms in the country (90+ attorneys, 600+ staff, offices in several states).
- First and second chaired approximately 25 cases in state and federal courts in Texas and Alabama and obtained sizeable verdicts on behalf of injured victims.
- Managed several jurisdictions of cases from inception through completion and directed various aspects of the firm's practice, including the litigation, bankruptcy, intake, and probate departments of the firm.
- Negotiated thousands of claims filed nationwide with some of the largest corporations in America and drafted complex multimillion dollar commercial and transactional documents.

- Responsible for the collection and proper distribution of all settlement funds, and the resolution of medical lien issues and family heir disputes.
- Instrumental in establishing many personal injury trusts that have become operational in past years. Contributed to the drafting of various bankruptcy plans of reorganization and trust distribution procedures. Vast familiarity with arbitration procedures and policies.

United States District Court, Eastern District of Texas, Beaumont Division
Judicial Clerkship, 1986-1987

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

The State Bar of Texas – 1985
The U.S. District Court Northern, Eastern, and Southern Districts of Texas – 1985
The U.S. District Court Southern District of Alabama – pro hac vice – 1990

HONORS

Named one of the Top 50 Woman Attorneys in Texas – 2004 Texas Monthly magazine
Recognized as a Texas Super Lawyer – 2004, 2005, and 2006 Texas Monthly magazines

EDUCATION

Baylor University School of Law – Waco, Texas
Juris Doctor – 1985

Baylor University – Waco, Texas
Bachelor of Science in Biology – 1982