

BIOGRAPHY OF CHARLES L. DOROTHY

I graduated from the University of South Dakota in 1971 with a major in Public Administration. I entered the University of South Dakota School of Law in 1971, and graduated in 1974.

Following graduation from law school, I fulfilled my military obligation and then engaged in the private practice of law in Rapid City, South Dakota. In 1976, I joined the staff of the South Dakota Attorney General and served as an assistant attorney general from 1976-1978. I joined the staff of the Minnehaha County States Attorney as a prosecutor in Sioux Falls, South Dakota in 1978, leaving in 1980 to go into private practice. I have practiced privately in Sioux Falls since that time.

I am a member of the South Dakota Bar Association. I am admitted to practice before the courts of the state of South Dakota, the United States District Court of South Dakota, and the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. Early on in my career, I handled numerous civil lawsuits in those courts, as well as courts in Iowa, Minnesota, and North Dakota in association with attorneys from those states. I am the attorney of record in a number of published Appellate court cases.

Since 1990, my practice has focused primarily on assisting clients with the acquisition, management and disposition of assets. This has included the creation of new business entities or the purchase of existing business, the management of those entities, and the disposition of the owner's interests in those entities by sale or upon death. It has included documentation of various internal and external transactions, mergers and acquisitions, buy/sell agreements between owners, death or retirement of an employee-owner, the restructuring of debt, various contractual arrangements, and probate.

Following completion of a 30-hour Minnesota Supreme Court Certified Mediation Skills Training course in 1997, I became active in mediation, both as a mediator and as an attorney counseling those engaged in mediation. Consequently, thereafter the vast majority of my clients' legal conflicts were resolved in mediation, rather than in litigation.

I have for a number of years been a member of the South Dakota Bar Association Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Committee. I have authored various articles regarding business and legal matters published in the Sioux Falls Business Journal, and the Sioux Falls Argus Leader. I have authored several articles regarding mediation published in the South Dakota Bar Association Newsletter.

In 2019, I updated my skills as a mediator by completing a 40-hour Florida Supreme Court Certified Mediation Skills Training course. I received my Florida Supreme Court certification as a circuit court mediator November 8, 2019.

I maintain residences in both Sioux Falls, South Dakota and Ft Myers, Florida and provide mediation services as requested in both cities.