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- ***Current Practice:*** Full-time neutral: mediation and arbitration of construction disputes, coverage disputes, and general litigation disputes including personal injury matters. Current panelist with ASP Service of Portland.
- ***Prior Legal Practice:*** 4 years in the Air Force as a JAG (Judge Advocate General) handling duties ranging from criminal prosecutor, to claims manager, to general legal counsel, followed by over 20 years of civil litigation, largely related to the defense of construction defect matters and general liability. As a civil litigator, I have served as in-house counsel, managing partner of a local firm with offices in Portland and Seattle, and managed my own practice for several years.
- ***Mediation Style:*** My approach involves working with the parties leading up to mediation to facilitate a reasonable exchange of information, identify and address what might otherwise be barriers to compromise and engage the parties in a collaborative process, working to find a resolution that will work for all parties. If a case does not resolve after a first attempt, I continue to work with the parties to identify and explore any settlement potential.

➤ ***Education, Licensure, Professional Accreditations:***

St. Mary's University School of Law – J.D. 2003 *summa cum laude*
University of Portland – B.A. 1999

Bar Admissions: Oregon (2003); Washington (2007)

Super Lawyer, Oregon 2023-present

Past President (2022), Oregon Association of Defense Counsel