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MEDIATION BIOGRAPHY

Woodrow Michael Bonesio was born in 1943 and raised in Hereford, Texas.

Education Experience. Mr. Bonesio received his Bachelor of Arts from Austin College in Sherman, Texas. In 1971, he received his Juris Doctor from the University of Houston Bates College of Law, where he was articles editor of the Houston Law Review. Mr. Bonesio completed his basic mediation Training Seminar "Learn From the Masters" in 1998. He continues his ADR training through the ABA, Federal, Texas and Dallas Bar Association ADR Committees, the Association of Attorney Mediators, the Texas Association of Mediators, and the Texas Mediators' Credentialing Association. Mr. Bonesio is a member of the Texas State Bar College.

Private Law Practice. After receiving his J.D. degree, Mr. Bonesio clerked for United States District Judge D.W. Suttle in San Antonio, Texas until 1973. Thereafter he became associated with Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, L.L.P. in Dallas, Texas, where he was a partner from 1976 to 1992 in the commercial litigation department. In 1992, Mr. Bonesio became a founding partner in Kuntz & Bonesio, L.L.P., where he practiced commercial litigation, ad valorem taxation and mediation until he joined Shackelford, Melton & McKinley as a partner in February, 2003, where he continued his trial practice in commercial litigation and property taxation. In August, 2012, Mr. Bonesio opened the Law Offices of W. Michael Bonesio, at the address above. In addition to mediating and arbitrating, Mr. Bonesio continues to practice law in complex commercial litigation and ad valorem taxation in state and federal court.

Fee Schedule. Mr. Bonesio's typical charges are \$750 per side for a one-half day or \$1,500 per side for a full eight hour day, depending on the nature and complexity of the case, the number of parties, and other factors which may impact the amount of time necessary to conduct the mediation, prepare for the mediation, and for any post-mediation follow-up. Additionally, Mr. Bonesio will conduct mediations on an hourly or other basis by arrangement with the parties. Under certain circumstances Mr. Bonesio will adjust the fee if the parties are not able to afford a full mediation fee or at the request of the Court.

Types of Cases. Mr. Bonesio is available to serve as a mediator or arbitrator in all consumer, commercial, intellectual property, personal injury, employment, probate and ad valorem property tax disputes. Mr. Bonesio also is certified by the State Bar of Texas as an attorney guardian ad litem. Mr. Bonesio is not certified to mediate family law disputes.

Scheduling Matters. In addition to normal business days, Mr. Bonesio is available to mediate cases in the evenings, on the weekends, or to accommodate special scheduling needs of the parties or the Court. Mr. Bonesio's offices are located only a short distance from the Dallas County state and federal courts. Mr. Bonesio is also readily available to arbitrate or mediate cases in Kaufman and Rockwall County, where he resides, or elsewhere in Texas.

Pro Se Litigants. Mr. Bonesio is available to mediate disputes involving pro se parties, subject to a written confirmation that Mr. Bonesio is not acting as their attorney and subject to Mr. Bonesio's right to withdraw from the mediation if he believes a pro se party does not fully understand the process or is unable to participate in the process in a meaningful way and on equal basis with the adverse party.

Pro Bono Services to the Court. Mr. Bonesio is committed to providing pro bono services to the Courts and is available at the request of any Court to mediate disputes without fee or for a nominal fee in those cases where the parties cannot afford such a fee or for other reasons the Court believes appropriate.

Court and Professional Admissions. Mr. Bonesio is admitted to practice in Texas (Texas Bar No. 02595000) and all United States District Courts for the Northern, Eastern, Southern, and Western Districts of Texas, as well as the Fifth and Eleventh Federal Courts of Appeal and the United States Supreme Court. He is an active member of the Dallas, Rockwall, Federal and American Bar Associations ADR, Business and Litigation sections, the State Bar of Texas, Association of Attorney Mediators, Texas Mediators' Credentialing Association (credentialed advanced mediator) and Texas Association of Mediators. Mr. Bonesio was chosen as a Texas Monthly Super Lawyer in 2006, and has been honored with inclusion in Marquis' Who's Who in America and Who's Who in American Law.