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Current Employer-Title	Law Office of Michele O'Brien, P.C. - President
Profession	Attorney and Counselor at Law, Alternative Dispute Resolution Provider - Estate/Probate Law, Civil Litigation
Work History	Attorney, Solo Practitioner, 1985-present; Alternative Dispute Resolution Provider, Legal Counsel and Estate Planning and Probate, CIGNA Financial Services Division, 1983-85; Connecticut General Life Insurance Company, 1981-83; Attorney, Delaware County District Attorney's Office, 1978-79.
Experience	From 1984-1993 acted as a civil trial attorney (business and commercial cases) representing plaintiff and defendant. Since 1988, legal practice has focused on: transactional matters/documentation, business and estate planning (entity review, organization and management), estate planning and probate law, special needs planning, guardianship (person and estate), estate tax minimization, estate administration and management.
Mediator Experience	Has served as mediator since 1988 in over 2,000 disputes, including four nationwide class action settlements. Acted as neutral in cases involving contract disputes, wrongful death, personal injury, employment, discrimination, DTPA, etc.
Representative Issues Handled as a Mediator	Dispute over government actions against individuals, discrimination claims (employment and other contexts), medical and legal malpractice, wrongful death and injury, commercial, construction and contract claims, insurance coverage, probate, guardianship and trust cases.
Mediator Style & Process Preferences	Mediation is owned by the parties and is tailored to each party's separate, respective goals. A neutral mediator guides the process (even before the meeting) so that the parties are more likely to achieve a resolution that will be considered as a successful outcome.
Education	University of Delaware (BA-1974); Villanova University (JD-1979; LLM, Taxation-1983)
Professional Licenses	Admitted to the Bar: Pennsylvania, 1979; Texas, 1984; U.S. District Court: Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 1979; Southern District of Texas, 1984. Texas Board of Legal Specialization, Estate Planning and Probate Law Certified, 1997. NASD Licensed Representative (inactive). Licensed Insurance Agent, Pennsylvania and Texas (inactive).

Professional Associations	American Bar Association; State Bar of Texas (Estate, Trust and Probate Section; Alternative Dispute Resolution Section); Texas Bar Foundation (Life Member); Houston Bar Association (ADR Section, Past Chair; Trust and Estates Section); Credentialed Distinguished with the Texas Mediator Credentialing Association (2011); Houston Bar Foundation (Life Member); College of the State Bar of Texas.
Recent Publications & Speaking Engagements	Special Needs Planning seminars sponsored by Klein ISD, Spring ISD, Cypress-Fairbanks ISD, FFASN (Friends and Families of Asians with Special Needs) - 1995 to current
Mediation Rate	\$400 Per Hour
Languages	English
Citizenship	United States of America
Locale	Houston, TX

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