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**Current Employer-Title** Seyfarth Shaw LLP - Retired Business Litigation Partner (Atlanta Office)

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**Profession** Attorney, Mediator, Arbitrator

**Work History** Full-time Arbitrator and Mediator, 2014 - Present; Attorney/Partner, Seyfarth Shaw, 2000-2014; Attorney/Partner, McCullough Sherrill, LLP, 1998-2000; Attorney/Partner, Glass, McCullough, Sherrill & Harrold, 1979-1998; Attorney/Partner, Ervin, McCullough & Sherrill, 1974-1979; Attorney/Associate, Powell, Goldstein, Frazer & Murphy, 1972-1974; U.S. Naval Aviator, LCDR, U.S. Navy, 1963-1969.

**Experience** Primarily engaged throughout legal career in civil litigation, arbitration and mediation, involving the following areas: general business, contract and corporate; all types of construction cases involving owners, developers, sureties, public agencies, general and sub-contractors, and lenders in all types of public and private (commercial, industrial, institutional and residential) projects; securities; insurance (including liability, interpretation and coverage issues); health care; real estate (foreclosures, condemnations, deficiency judgments, specific performance actions, zoning and land use, etc.); employment; and personal injury/negligence/product liability.

Extensive experience as trial lawyer at trial and appellate levels in federal and various state court systems. Significant portion of practice over last 25 years has involved acting as a neutral (50% mediation, 50% arbitration) and as an advocate representing clients in all forms of ADR.

**Mediator Experience** Mediated over 500 commercial, construction, real estate-related and negligence/personal injury/toxic tort/product liability cases over the last 25 years.

**Representative Issues Handled as a Mediator** Has handled issues in real estate disputes involving environmental and land use and zoning matters, as well as contract and ownership issues (including condemnations). Various types of construction cases have involved owners, developers, sureties, public agencies, general and sub-contractors and lenders. Has also handled entertainment matters, including royalty and compensation issues, contract disputes, and representation issues. Additionally, has mediated all types of business disputes

including corporate governance issues, business breakups, employment termination issues, contract disputes, and supply agreements.

<b>Mediator Style &amp; Process Preferences</b>	My view is that the mediator should actively assume the role of coordinator of the overall mediation process. During facilitation of the negotiations, I think the mediator must be actively involved along the entire spectrum from "facilitator" to "evaluator" at the appropriate times in the mediation. In my view, my extensive experience with all types of dispute resolution processes, and the intricacies thereof, are what make me an effective mediator, and I believe in utilizing all aspects of that experience to facilitate resolution of the disputes that I mediate.
<b>Education</b>	Duke University (JD, Duke Law Journal - 1972).University of North Carolina (AB, Morehead Scholar; NROTC Scholar - 1963)
<b>Professional Licenses</b>	Admitted to the Bar: Georgia (1972); U.S. District Court: Northern District of Georgia (1972); U.S. Court of Appeals: Ninth (1994), Fifth (1973), and Eleventh (1972) Circuits
<b>Professional Associations</b>	American Arbitration Association (Board of Directors); American College of Civil Trial Mediators (Fellow); College of Commercial Arbitrators (Board of Directors); Georgia Arbitrators Forum; American Bar Association (Council of Dispute Resolution Section; CLE Committee, Chair); Georgia Bar Association (DR Section, Chair); Atlanta Bar Association (Litigation and ADR Sections); Lawyers Club of Atlanta; Atlanta International Arbitration Society (Board of Directors 2011-2019).
<b>Recent Publications &amp; Speaking Engagements</b>	"The Med/Arb Hybrid Process," at the Georgia Bar ADR Institute, 2019; "Effectively Conducting the Evidentiary Arbitration Hearing," at the Georgia Bar ADR Institute, 2018; "Ethics in Mediation," at the ABA DR Section Spring Conference 2015-2018; Florida Bar Construction Law Institute, 2011, and Georgia Bar DR Section Newsletter, October 2010; "Ethics for Georgia Lawyers Representing Clients in Mediations," GEORGIA BAR JOURNAL, October 2009; "Achieving Efficiency and Fairness in Arbitration," American Bar Association Dispute Resolution Section, April 2008; "ADR For Trial Lawyers," Georgia Bar Association Publication for Younger Lawyers, 2007; "Effectively Resolving Business Disputes Through Arbitration," INSIDE THE MINDS, Aspatore Books, Massachusetts 2006; "Using Arbitration and Mediation to Resolve Real Estate Disputes," COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE INVESTORS MAGAZINE, February 2004; "Specialized ADR to Settle Faculty Employment Disputes," JOURNAL OF COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY LAW, Fall 2001; "ADR in Your Trial Practice," Institute of Continuing Education in Georgia, February 1999; plus various articles on ADR, litigation, zoning and land use, and premises liability topics for Georgia Bar ICLE and GEORGIA APARTMENT ASSOCIATION LAW BOOK. Also, has presented as a speaker on these topics at ABA, Georgia Bar, Georgia ICLE, and Atlanta Bar Association seminars, as well as various other forums; "Mixed Mode ADR Processes," CCA Annual Meeting, 2018; Atlanta International Arbitrator Society, 2019; "Efficiency in Arbitration," Georgia Bar ADR Institute, 2017.
<b>Mediation Rate</b>	\$800 Per Hour
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Citizenship</b>	United States of America
<b>Locale</b>	Atlanta, GA

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