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Westover, West Virginia

Current Employer-Title Debra Scudiere – Independent Mediator

Attorney, Mediator, Arbitrator **Profession**

Work History Independent Mediator, 2020-Present; Adjunct Lecturer, West Virginia University College of Law,

2005-Present; Chief Judge, 17th Judicial Circuit - Monongalia County, 2020; Circuit Court Judge, 17th Judicial Circuit - Monongalia County, 2019-2020; Member, Kay Casto & Chaney PLLC,

2001-2019; Partner, Furbee Amos Webb & Critchfield, 1982-2001.

Former Trial Judge trying both civil and criminal cases. Over 38 years of litigation and mediation **Experience**

experience in private law firms. Mainly represented defendants in personal injury, wrongful death, motor vehicle accidents, contracts, sexual harassment claims, wrongful discharge, constructive discharge, medical malpractice, premises liability, property damage, building contracts, home

repairs, insurance coverage, boundary disputes, and employment.

Mediated hundreds of cases, including wrongful death, contracts, automobile accidents, employment **Mediator Experience**

issues, sexual harassment claims, wrongful discharge, medical malpractice, premised liability and property damage, building contracts and home repair, insurance coverage, boundary disputes.

Hired by other attorneys in West Virginia as a mediator in hundreds of cases. Chair, ADR Committee of The West Virginia State Bar. Served on the Resolution Panel of the West Virginia

Mass Litigation Panel by appointment of the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals.

Preferences

Mediator Style & Process Cases belong to the parties. The Mediator is a tool that the parties can use to help them settle their case. The Mediator is there to point out issues that may come before a jury; to help the parties parse out expenses that are part of a long litigation battle; and to offer ideas for resolution. The Mediator assists the parties in coming up with practical solutions that can actually work. Other than those duties, the Mediator must remember that the case belongs to the parties, and it is the parties who are

West Virginia University College of Law (JD-1982); West Virginia University (BA, French and **Education**

English-1976).

the ultimate decision-makers.

Admitted to the Bar: West Virginia (1982); US District Court: Northern, Southern Districts of West **Professional Licenses**

Virginia.

Professional Associations West Virginia State Bar Board of Governors, Delegate to the American Bar Association House of

Delegates; Past President, The West Virginia State Bar; Past Chair, West Virginia Judicial Vacancy Advisory Commission; Past President, Southern Conference of Bar Presidents; Fellow, The West

Virginia Bar Foundation.

Recent Publications &

Co-author, "Effective Discovery Procedures in West Virginia," NBI, 1993; "Postsecondary Faculty Members' Rights of Free Speech," 9 JOURNAL OF COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY LAW 85, **Speaking Engagements**

1982; speaker, "Women in ADR," American Arbitration Association.

Mediation Rate \$300 Per Hour

Languages English

Citizenship United States of America

Locale Westover, WV

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