



AAA Mediation.org™

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Zachary, Louisiana

Profession

Attorney - Construction

Work History

Kaster & Cop, LLC, 2012-Present; Craig L. Kaster & Associates, LLC, 2003-2011; Partner, Gunn, Kaster & Burgmeier, LLP, 1985-2003; Partner, Kizer & Hood, 1981-1985; Law Clerk, Judge William H. Brown, 19th Judicial District Court, 1980-1981; U.S. Army, 1972-1977.

Experience

Over 40 years exclusively engaged in construction law matters, primarily representing general contractors, subcontractors and specialty contractors, suppliers/manufacturers, sureties/insurers, lenders, architects, engineers, designers, owners, developers and public agencies. Public and private projects include commercial, heavy highway, industrial, institutional and residential structures. Handles disputes involving contract interpretation, plans, specifications, change orders and acceleration and delay claims. Has handled residential, commercial and industrial disputes with as many as 30 parties valued up to \$20 million dollars.

Mediator Experience

Only mediates construction cases. The types of projects mediated have included residential, industrial, and commercial. Has mediated over a hundred cases; 50% are residential, 40% commercial, 10% are industrial.

Twenty-five years of practice as mediator.

Mediated over 100 cases.

Mediation references are as follows: Sharon Kyle, (225) 293-8400; Brian Cohn, (225) 769-0858; Mark Mese, (225) 387-0999; additional references available upon request.

Representative Issues Handled as a Mediator

Construction cases which have involved issues of delay, scheduling, design, change orders, breach of contract, payment, damages, mold and interference by third parties, owner and/or design professionals.

Mediator Style & Process Preferences

Mediation in construction cases will settle if:

1. The parties can set aside any animosity toward other parties,
2. The parties who have authority to settle are present at the mediation,
3. The parties agree to adjust from previous positions toward settlement, and
4. The parties will commit to stay with the mediation process as long as the mediator feels settlement is possible.

Education

U.S. Military Academy at West Point (BS-1972); Louisiana State University (JD-1980).

Professional Licenses

Admitted to the Bar: Louisiana (1980).

Professional Associations

Louisiana Bar Association (Council Member; Fidelity, Surety and Construction Law Section); Attorney's Council for American Subcontractors Association; Associated General Contractors.

Recent Publications &

LOUISIANA CONSTRUCTION LAW, National Business Institute. Published numerous articles for the National Business Institute and Lorman Business College.

Speaking Engagements

Mediation Rate	\$450 Per Hour
Languages	English
Citizenship	United States of America
Locale	Zachary, LA

The AAA's Rules provide the AAA with the authority to administer a mediation including, mediator appointment, general oversight and billing. Accordingly, mediations that proceed without AAA administration are not considered AAA mediations, even when the parties select an mediator who is on the AAA's Roster.

The information contained in this resume has been supplied solely by the individual mediator and may, or may not, be a complete recitation of their experience. The AAA assumes no responsibility for the content, completeness, accuracy, or reliability of the information contained in a mediator's resume. If you have any questions about a mediator's experience or background, you are encouraged to contact your case manager.

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