

LINDA M. SCHWEITZER, CLA
Family Law Mediator
SCHWEITZER MEDIATION
Family and Parent-Child
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Qualifications Summary:

- Family Law Mediator: Divorce, Family and Parent-Child.
Mediating Family Law cases involving simple and complex property division, suits affecting the parent-child relationship, possession and access issues, conservatorship issues, modifications of prior orders, terminations, parentage, and other matters that arise in family law disputes.
- Former Volunteer mediator with Dispute Mediation Service, Dallas, Texas.

Experience includes:

- Mediator and Paralegal with 17 years expertise in the field of Family Law.
- President's Award from Southeastern Paralegal Institute (ABA approved program) by maintaining a 4.0 GPA in the Spring 1994 fast-track program.
- CLA designation in January, 1995.
- 25 years in commercial real estate: positions in asset management, appraisal, mortgage banking, commercial lending, development and property management.

Education:

Southeastern Paralegal Institute, ABA Approved Program, Post-Bachelor Program
Graduated November, 1994, President's Award
Completed Mediation Training, National Mediation Academy, Inc., State Bar of Texas
Accredited, November, 1995
UTD 105 hours, Major Psychology GPA 3.89
Associates Degree, Richland College

Professional Affiliations:

Family Law Section Member, State Bar of Texas
Associate Member, DBA Family Law Section
ADR Section Member, State Bar of Texas
Member, Texas Association of Mediators
Member, TMTR
Member, National Association of Legal Assistants
Member, Legal Assistants Division, State Bar of Texas

History:

Family Law Mediator

November 1995 to Present

Seventeen years mediating Family Law cases throughout the counties of Dallas, Collin, Denton, Ellis, Johnson, Rockwall, Tarrant, and surrounding communities involving but not limited to simple to complex property division, division of debt, conservatorship, possession/access, termination/adoption, modifications, parent-child, parentage, child support, relocation, and other disputes that may arise in Family Law matters. Work with attorney represented clients as well as pro se litigants. Have an approximate 98% rate of resolution.

Family Law Paralegal, Dallas, TX

November 1994 to Present

practitioner, Rowlett, Texas

W. T. Allison, II, East Texas Civil Trial attorney (August 2003-June 2005)

Randall Grubbs, Family Law Specialist, Garland, Texas (former Associate Judge 330th Judicial District Court, Dallas, Texas) (September 1999-December 2002 and presently)

J. Preston Brashear, III, Family Law Specialist in Garland (retired) (former Associate Judge 301st Judicial District Court, Dallas, Texas) (June 1996- June 1999)

Beverly Story, Family Law practitioner, Dallas, Texas (November 1994-April 1996).

The Michelle M. Williams Law Firm, Dallas, TX

February 2008-April 2009

Prepared complex pleadings, orders and ancillary closing documents, filed pleadings with the Courts, conducted discovery, prepared for trial, prepared clients for hearings, trial, and mediation, conducted witness interviews, assisted in settlement negotiations and mediation, case management/strategy, and legal research.

Other experience:

Bluebonnet Savings Bank, Dallas, Texas

July 1989-July 1990

Senior Asset Assistant, Asset Management

Analyzed loan documents and loan performance, prepared foreclosure work-up, reviewed appraisals, conducted on-site inspections. Worked with the legal department to ensure compliance with federal and local regulations regarding foreclosures and cases in bankruptcy.

Multibanc Savings and Loan Association, Dallas, Texas

October 1984-October 1986

Senior Loan Underwriter and Review Appraiser

Reviewed appraisals to determine compliance with federal regulations. Analyzed the performance of collateral securing loans. Determined creditworthiness of borrowing entity and collateral. Made recommendations to loan committee and performed on-site inspections of collateral.

Hawaii Properties, Dallas, Texas

August 1982-October 1984

Assistant to Legal Counsel (In-house) Document preparation and review for general partners.

Researched proposed development sites, met with planning and zoning officials, met with and attended city council meetings to obtain approval, reported to general partners.

Work with various attorneys in the Dallas area primarily in the field of Family Law. Expertise includes filing pleadings with the Courts, drafting complex pleadings and orders, ancillary closing documents, discovery, suits affecting the parent-child relationship, paternity, terminations/adoptions, collaborative law, simple wills and trusts, probate, interviewing clients, witness preparation for trial, mediation, and/or depositions, maintaining client contact, case management/strategy, conducting legal research on matters in dispute, preparing for trial, and assisting the attorney at trial, in mediation and/or settlement negotiations. Supervising and training other legal support staff.

Contract assignments include:

Danny McDaniel, Solo practitioner, McKinney, Texas

Christopher L. Smith, Family Law practitioner, Garland, Texas

McShane & Davis, LLP, Family Law practitioners, Dallas, Texas

David, Goodman & Madole, Dallas, TX, May 2007-November, 2007

Victoria G. Warner, Family Law practitioner, Rowlett, T