

STEPHEN P. LAGOY - Mediator/Neutral Arbitrator

NARRATIVE

With more than forty years of courtroom experience and extensive training in alternative dispute resolution, I am often called upon by private parties (including Fortune 50 companies) and the judiciary to serve as a mediator or neutral arbitrator in commercial, construction, injury and probate disputes.

EDUCATION

Alternative Dispute Resolution:

Pepperdine University School of Law, Straus Institute for Conflict Resolution, Mediating the Litigated Case, 2008

American Bar Association, Advanced Mediation and Advocacy Skills Institute, 2010, 2013

Association of Conflict Resolution/American Arbitration Association, Advanced Commercial Mediation Institute, 2009

American Arbitration Association, Mediator Skills Training Program, 2003

Legal/Graduate/Undergraduate:

University of Maine School of Law, J.D., 1974

Northeastern University, College of Criminal Justice, M.S., 1975

Georgetown University, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, B.S.F.S., 1971

ASSOCIATIONS/AFFILIATIONS

Alternative Dispute Resolution:

Member, American Bar Association, Dispute Resolution Section and Forum Committee on the Construction Industry

Member and founding Co-chair, Alternative Dispute Resolution Section, Chester County Bar Association

Member, Pennsylvania Council of Mediators

Member, Association for Conflict Resolution

Mediator, Voluntary Mediation Program, Chester County Bar Association

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Mediator, Chester County Orphans' Court Mediation Panel

Panel Member, Civil Case Settlement Program, Chester County Bar Association

Other:

Charter Member and Master of the Bench, the Hon. John E. Stively, Jr. American Inn of Court

Member, Pennsylvania Bar Association, ADR Committee

Member, Maryland State Bar Association, ADR Section

Member, Chester County Bar Association, ADR Section

Member, Chester County Court of Common Pleas, Orphans' Court Rules Committee (2012-2017)

Chairman, Hearing Committee 2.07, Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania (1994-2000)

Founding Member, Advisory Board, Penn State Great Valley School of Graduate Professional Studies (1991-1997)

Member and Vice Chairman, Chester County Solid Waste Authority (1987-1994)

HONORS/AWARDS

Pennsylvania "Super Lawyer" (Alternative Dispute Resolution) 2010, 2012-2018

"Top Lawyer", *Main Line Times* magazine, 2007, 2010 – 2012, 2016-2018

Chester County Bar Association Service Award, 2010 (in recognition of work in establishing the Chester County Bar Association's Voluntary Mediation Program)

AV "Preeminent" rating (5.0 out of 5), Martindale Hubbell, 2000 – present

Master of the Bench, American Inns of Court, 1999 – present

Outstanding Teacher of the Year, Pennsylvania State University, 1980

Eagle Scout, 1964

ARTICLES and PRESENTATIONS

'Mediating Disputes in Different Contexts,' Chester County Bar Association CLE presentation, West Chester, PA, 2016 (with Judy Weintraub, Mary Jo Gilsdorf and George Elser).

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"Developing a Voluntary Mediation Program," Annual Conference of the Pennsylvania Council of Mediators, Harrisburg, PA, 2013 (with June Appell).

"Mediating Estate Disputes," Philadelphia Bar Association Probate and Trust Law Section Newsletter, February, 2013.

"The Biology of the Brain: Understanding Decision-Making in Mediation," Chester County Bar Association County Custody Mediation Seminar, West Chester, PA, 2011 (with David M. Frees, III).

"Neurobiology and its Effect on Problem Solving in Conflict Resolution," Meeting of the Delaware Valley Chapter of the Association for Conflict Resolution, Philadelphia, PA, 2011 (with David M, Frees, III).

"The Chester County Bar Association's Mediation Program: the Nuts and Bolts," Chester County Bar Association Spring Bench/Bar Conference, West Chester, PA, 2011.

"Neuroscience and Mediation," Annual Conference of the Pennsylvania Council of Mediators, Harrisburg, PA, 2010 (with David M. Frees, III).

"Alternative Dispute Resolution: a Practitioner's Guide to the Effective Use of Mediation," Chester County Bar Association, Spring Bench/Bar Conference, West Chester, PA, 2009

"Mediation: the Basics," Chester County Bar Association, Young Lawyers' Section, 2009

"Mediating Commercial Disputes," Hon. John E. Stively, Jr. Chapter, American Inns of Court, West Chester, PA, 2005

Numerous blog posts on LinkedIn and Unruh, Turner, Burke and Frees website.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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