

John A. Nahra

Mediation/Arbitration

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ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

Creighton University School of Law, Omaha, Nebraska, May 1978, Juris Doctor.
DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois, May 1975, B.A. Political Science, *magna cum laude*.

JUDICIAL AND LEGAL EXPERIENCE

<i>Mediation/Arbitration</i> John A. Nahra	October 2006 – Present
<i>Senior Judge</i>	October 2006 – April 2009
<i>District Court Judge</i>	October 1986 – September 2006
<i>Chief Judge</i>	September 1997 – December 2003
<i>District Associate Court Judge</i> State of Iowa, Seventh Judicial District	March 1985 – October 1986
<i>Sole Practitioner</i> John A. Nahra, Attorney At Law	September 1979 – February 1985
<i>Substitute Judicial Hospitalization Referee</i> State of Iowa	1983 – 1985
<i>Associate</i> Gomez, Feuerbach, May, Pries & Tobey	March 1979 – September 1979
<i>Assistant Scott County Attorney</i> Scott County Attorney's Office	June 1978 – March 1979

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION EXPERIENCE

In October 2006, I began the private practice of mediation and arbitration. Cases have involved personal injury, medical malpractice, legal malpractice, employment, engineering, construction, probate, real estate, contract, municipal ordinance and rezoning, subrogation, Security and Exchange Commission claims, and domestic issues. Many of these matters involved complex issues and multiple parties. In excess of 95% of those cases mediated the parties resolved their disputes.

In my capacity as Judge of the Seventh Judicial District of Iowa, I conducted in excess of one thousand Family & Domestic Law settlement conferences and hundreds of Civil Law Case (tort, contract and miscellaneous) settlement conferences with a success rate of 90% or more. This includes the successful settlement of not only single-party cases, but complex multi-party cases involving insurance coverage, medical malpractice, construction projects and fire damage. A career highlight was my accomplishment in organizing and conducting a state-wide settlement conference for all asbestos-related litigation in Iowa, both state and federal courts. This was a multi-day conference resulting in the settlement of thousands of claims.

PROFESSIONAL ADMISSIONS

State of Iowa	June 1978
United States District Court, Southern District of Iowa	August 1978
United States District Court, Northern District of Iowa	December 1978
United States Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit	December 1978

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals

American Academy of ADR Attorneys - Board Certified Mediator. Note – the Iowa Supreme Court does not certify lawyers as specialists in the practice of law and this certification is not a requirement to practice law in the State of Iowa.

2008-Present Member of Board of Directors

2014-2015 Vice President

2015-2016 President

Iowa State Bar Association

Iowa Judges Association

2003-2004 Member of Board of Directors

2002-2003 President

2001-2002 Vice President

2000-2001 Secretary/Treasurer

1994-2006 Member of Pension Committee

1993-2006 Co-Chair of Legislative Policy Committee

1989-1993 Chair of Judicial Administration and Technology Committee

1988-1992 Member of the Board of Directors of the Iowa Judges Association
Representing the Seventh Judicial District

1987-1988 Co-Chair of the Juvenile Laws Committee

1986-1987 Chair of the Juvenile Laws Committee

1985-1989 Member of Criminal Law Committee

National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

1999-2000 Co-Chair of Managed Care Committee

1998-1999 Chair of Medical/Legal Issues Committee

1995-1996 Vice-Chair of Committee on Diversity

1988-2000 Member of Permanency Planning for Children Project Advisory Committee

American Bar Association

1996-1997 Member of Judicial Economy and Case Processing Resolution Committee

1994-1995 National Conference of State Trial Judges

1994-1995 Member of Courts and Community Committee

1988-1989 Member of Courts and Community Committee

1987-1989 Member of Task Force on Law Related Education

Scott County Bar Association

1984-1985 Member of Public Relations Committee

1983-1984 Member of Law Office Economics Committee

1982-1983 Editor of Monthly Newsletter Committee

1982 Member of Continuing Education Committee

1981-1982 Member of Membership Committee

1979-1981 Member of Canvassing and Distribution Committee

In addition to the committee duties detailed above, I have served, at the request of the Iowa Supreme Court, on the following legislative study committees:

1990-1991	Supreme Court of Iowa Committee on the Implementation of Family Court
1988-1989	Problem Child Target Committee
1987-1989	Supreme Court of Iowa and Department of Human Services Committee studying out-of-state placements of Iowa's children
1987	Lead Judge – Seventh Judicial District Reasonable Efforts Model Court Project
1986	Lead Judge – Iowa Permanency Planning Project

HONORS AND AWARDS

September 30, 2010 – American Academy of ADR Attorneys issued Board Certification as Mediator.

September 2005 – Recipient of *Children's Voice Award* from the Iowa Child Advocacy Board.

September 1999 – Recipient of *Common Ground Leadership Award* presented by Iowa's Institute for Public Leadership in recognition of the effort and success of intergovernmental cooperation.

November 12, 1997 – Recipient of *Annual Award of Merit* from the Iowa Judges Association in recognition of one's dedication, skill, length of service, and extraordinary efforts for the betterment of the Iowa Judiciary.

September 25, 1992 – Recipient of *Friend of Children Award* from the Coalition for Children & Family Services in Iowa for Dedicated Service on behalf of Iowa's Children and Families.

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

September 10 and 17, 2012 – St. Ambrose University Masters' Program Speaker – "*Introduction to Physical Therapy: Legal Issues*"

March 16, 2011 – Scott County Bar Association Speaker – "*Ten Tips to Prepare for Mediation*"

September 26, 2008 – Seventh Judicial District Children's Justice Summit Speaker – "*Ethical Issues in Juvenile Court*"

June 21, 2007 – Scott County Bar Association, Patricia Rhodes Cepican CLE Series Speaker – "*Shared Custody, Principle vs. Practice*"

September 16, 2005 – Scott County Bar Association, Patricia Rhodes Cepican CLE Series Speaker – "*Accessing Imaged Court Records*"

October 10, 2003 – Iowa State Bar Association, Fall Traveling Seminar Speaker – "*Update – Your Local Bench and You*"

May 15, 2003 – Bench Bar Conference Welcoming Remarks and Panel Participant – "*Perspectives in and about the Branches of Government*"

April 18, 2003 – North Scott Rotary Speaker – "*Adult Detention and You*"

April 11, 2003 – Quad City Claims Association Speaker – "*Ethical Do's and Don'ts*"

April 2003 – Scott County People's Law School – *Overview of Law and Welcome*