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I was born in 1944 in McComb, Mississippi. I received a BA degree from Mississippi College and a JD degree from the University of Mississippi. I am married, have 4 children, and 5 grandchildren. I have been a Gulf Coast resident for 41 years.

I have practiced law in the southern counties of Mississippi for over forty years, have represented plaintiffs and defendants and insurance carriers in trials in County, Circuit, and Supreme Court of Mississippi, Federal District Courts and Fifth Circuit Court Of Appeals, and have a wide background in Chancery Court cases.

During my legal history from the date of my admission to the Bar in 1970, I have practiced with the following law firms: Estes, Blackwell & Hunter; Greaves, Terry & Hunter; W. Raymond Hunter, Attorney at Law; Hunter & Miller; Bryant & Stennis; and Bryant, Dukes & Blakeslee. As of January 1, 2008, I continue my practice of law as a sole practitioner with an emphasis on Mediation and Arbitration. My mediation practice accounts for 95% of my time.

I served as Municipal Court Judge for the City of Long Beach for two terms, served as a City prosecutor for the City of Long Beach, attended the American Judicial College, served in directorships for the Mississippi State Bar and on various committees of the State Bar. I have a rating of "AV" in Martindale-Hubbell which has been maintained for 35 years. I participated in a course of study with the American Arbitration Association and obtained Mediation Certification in 1998, and I have completed several Advanced Mediation courses sponsored by the University of Mississippi School of Law and the Association of Attorney-Mediators. I am also registered with the Mississippi State Bar Registry of Mediators. By agreement between insurance carriers, defense lawyers, and plaintiffs' lawyers, I have conducted binding arbitrations in several cases.

I have been, or am now, a member of the Mississippi State Bar, the American Association for Justice, Mississippi Association for Justice, Mississippi Prosecutors Association, Harrison County Bar Association, Mississippi Claims Association, and Association of Attorney-Mediators. I am currently on the Board of Directors for the Association of Attorney-Mediators and President of the Mississippi Chapter of Association of Attorney-Mediators. I was awarded the "President's Award" for 2011 by the Association of Attorney-Mediators. I was chosen to serve as an appeals Judge in BP Oil Spill cases in 2011. I was appointed to the Board of Directors of the ADR section of the Mississippi Bar in 2011.

I am, and have been since its inception, on the Mississippi Bar's list of mediators and additionally on the Federal Court list for both the Northern and Southern District of Mississippi. Following Hurricane Katrina I was on the list of approved mediators for AAA and served as a

mediator on the Department of Insurance Mediation Program for the State of Mississippi. I have also served the United States District Court as a mediator for "Katrina" litigation cases since the inception of that program. I have served as mediator in a combination of Katrina cases, state and federal litigation cases, and other private cases totaling approximately 2,000 cases. I have also served as Special Master for the United States District Court, Southern District of Mississippi.

The areas of my heaviest concentration for practice and mediation have been in the following fields: personal injury law; wrongful death; medical and hospital law; legal, medical, and other professional malpractice; insurance contract disputes; insurance law; employment law; nursing home litigation; and real estate, probate, and Chancery Court family law.

References are available upon request of both the plaintiff and defense bar, Mississippi Circuit and Chancery Judges, U. S. District Court, AAA, and the Association of Attorney-Mediators.

For a sample Mediation Agreement and rate schedule you may request by contacting my assistant through the scheduling e-mail above.