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EDUCATION: J.D., 1986
Duke University School of Law

B.A., Cum Laude, 1983
West Virginia University

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

René Stemple Ellis has devoted her professional career to alternative dispute resolution, serving as a mediator, arbitrator, and special master in diverse subject areas of the law for lawyers and judges throughout the Southeastern United States, principally in North Carolina.

Her experience as a mediator has covered litigation in these fields: construction, business disputes, products liability, insurance coverage, employment discrimination, wrongful termination, retaliatory termination, environmental disputes, medical malpractice, nursing home negligence, wrongful death, and other catastrophic personal injury cases. These mediations frequently arise in multiple-party contexts, including class actions, and lawyers have called upon her as "the second mediator," following a first mediation that did not succeed.

Her experience as an arbitrator includes service on three-member panels and as sole arbitrator, including the current arbitration of a class action of a computer industry dispute. The subject areas of her arbitration service also include professional malpractice, construction defects, products liability, and personal injury.

In addition to her service as a mediator and arbitrator, the federal and state judiciary have appointed Ms. Ellis as Special Master in several complex litigations, including a national class action proceeding in a products liability suit, a multi-party CERCLA dispute in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama, and a

class action settlement in Florida involving claims of property damage and personal injury.

A companion to her experience in alternative dispute resolution is Ms. Ellis' service as an educator in this field. She has been a lead faculty member for mediation training in North Carolina for over ten years. In addition, she has been a senior lecturing fellow at Duke University School of Law, teaching negotiation and mediation advocacy since 1992. She has spoken on alternative dispute resolution at seminars across the nation and is the author or co-author of numerous seminar manuscripts and scholarly articles in the field.

From 1990- 2002, Ms. Ellis served as Executive Director of the Private Adjudication Center of Duke University School of Law. In that position, she designed, implemented and directed the administration of nationally recognized ADR programs for settlement of class actions and mass torts. During this service, Ms. Ellis also led the Center's mediation training and administered the Center's dispute resolution programs.

The Best Lawyers in America 2008 (Copyright 2007 by Woodward/White, Inc., Aiken, SC) lists Ms. Ellis in the Alternative Dispute Resolution specialty.

Ms. Ellis is a co-founder and partner of Beason & Ellis Conflict Resolution, LLC. She graduated cum laude from West Virginia University in 1983 and in 1986 from Duke Law School.

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PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

Member, District of Columbia Bar (**Inactive Status**)

Member, Pennsylvania Bar (**Inactive Status**)

Member, American Bar Association

Member, North Carolina Bar Association

Member, American Bar Association, Dispute Resolution Section

Member, North Carolina Bar Association Dispute Resolution Section

TRAINING:

Mediator Training, Dispute Settlement Center of Durham, March 1990.

Advanced Mediator Training, Dispute Settlement Center of Durham, June 1991.

Dispute Management Incorporated, Mediator Training. A forty hour course required by the Supreme Court of North Carolina Rules Implementing Court Ordered Mediated Settlement Conferences, Rule 8, for mediation of matters in North Carolina, Greensboro, North Carolina, April 1993.

Harvard Law School, Negotiation Project, June 1994.

Harvard Law School, Negotiation Project, Advanced Negotiation Workshop, Application to Gender Dynamics, June 1995.

Harvard Law School, Negotiation Project, Advanced Negotiation Workshop, June 1996.

CDR Associates, Divorce and Child Custody Mediation Training, June 1997.

PUBLICATIONS:

“Toyota Arbitration Board: A Conflict Resolution Model for Intra-Corporate Disputes,” *Alternatives to the High Cost of Litigation*, Vol. 11, No. 3, (1993).

“Emerging Trends in Dispute Resolution,” *Duke Law Magazine*, Vol.11, No.1. (1993).

Fischer, K., Vidmar, N. and Ellis, R. “The Culture of Battering and the Role of Mediation in Domestic Violence Cases,” Vol. 46, No. 5 *SMU L. Rev.* (1993).

Ellis, R., Ravindra, G., Vidmar, N. and Davis, T. “The Reversal Arbitration Board: An ADR Model for Intra-Corporate Dispute Resolution,” 94 *J. Disp. Resol.* 93 (1994).

Ellis, R., Browning R., Beason, R., Phillips, J.D., *ADR Practice Book for North Carolina*, (1997)

Ellis, R., “The Silicone Gel Breast Implant Litigation Regional Information Meetings,” Vol. II *Widener L. J.* (1997).

Ellis, R., “Mediation Practice Tips: Removing Barriers to Negotiation,” *Tort Source*, A Publication of the Tort and Insurance Practice Section, American Bar Association, Vol. 2, No.1 (1999).