# VALERIE GRIFFIN TOBIN

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#### PROFILE

I have over twenty years of experience as an attorney in the area of civil litigation, five years of experience in the area of business transactions, and fifteen years of experience as a mediator and arbitrator in the area of alternative dispute resolution.

# LEGAL EXPERIENCE

2006- Present:	Tobin & TobinAttorneys at Law3715 Northside ParkwayBuilding 300, Suite 600Atlanta, Georgia 30327
1984 - 2006:	<ul> <li><i>Tobin &amp; Hoffspiegel</i> Attorneys at Law 3715 Northside Parkway Building 300, Suite 600 Atlanta, Georgia 30327</li> <li>Partner in civil law firm specializing in the areas of personal injury litigation, business litigation and business transactions</li> <li>Jury trial experience and appellate practice in state and federal courts</li> </ul>
ADR EXPERIENCE	
2005-Present	<ul> <li>Bay Mediation &amp; Arbitration Services, LLC/Atlanta, Georgia</li> <li>Member of mediation and arbitration panels of regional provider of alternative dispute resolution services</li> </ul>
1996-2004	<ul> <li>Henning Mediation &amp; Arbitration Services/Atlanta, Georgia</li> <li>Member of mediation and arbitration panels of regional provider of alternative dispute resolution services</li> </ul>
1995-2002	<ul> <li>Fulton County State and Magistrate Court/Atlanta, Georgia</li> <li>Executive Director of court-sponsored ADR Program</li> <li>Supervised and mentored Emory and Georgia State law student mediators in landlord-tenant and small claims disputes</li> </ul>
1992 -1996	<ul> <li>United States Arbitration &amp; Mediation (USA&amp;M)/Atlanta, Georgia</li> <li>Member of mediation and arbitration panels of national provider of alternative dispute resolution services</li> </ul>

#### **EDUCATION & TRAINING**

**Emory University School of Law**; Atlanta, Georgia Juris Doctor, 1983

**University of Florida**; Gainesville, Florida Bachelor of Arts, 1978

**Justice Center of Atlanta**; Atlanta, Georgia Civil Arbitration Training, 1991

**United States Arbitration & Mediation**; Atlanta, Georgia Basic and Advanced Civil Mediation Training, 1992

Atlanta Divorce Mediators; Atlanta, Georgia Divorce Mediation Training, 1992

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

State Bar of Georgia (General Practice & Trial, and ADR sections) Atlanta Bar Association (ADRL Section) Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution (State-registered mediator and arbitrator) Georgia Mediators Association (Treasurer, Board of Directors)

## PUBLICATIONS

The Jury Verdict Reporter, Atlanta, Georgia- Publisher and editor of monthly civil jury verdict reporter (1981-1985)