



WILLIAM D. COLEMAN

BIOGRAPHICAL

Born in New Orleans on Mardi Gras Day, Bill Coleman was reared in Tuscaloosa. He obtained his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Alabama (J.D., 1967), where he served as an editor on the Alabama Law Review and graduated Farrah Order of Jurisprudence/Order of the Coif.

After law school he served two years in the U.S. Army, Military Intelligence, becoming company commander of over five hundred men. He was awarded the Army Commendation Medal (1969).

Bill began his legal career in late 1969 with the Montgomery firm of Capell & Howard, P.C. He served the firm as managing Partner for fifteen years until 2010. Bill continues to practice law, primarily advising clients regarding disputes arising within the construction industry. The majority of his practice now involves serving as a neutral mediator or arbitrator.

Bill was a pioneer in alternative dispute resolution in Alabama, having served as a neutral in mediation and arbitration, as well as instructor in numerous ADR programs, for over twenty years. Bill served as the first chair of the state bar's Committee on Alternative Methods of Dispute Resolution (1994-96). He was instrumental in the formation of the Alabama Supreme Court Commission on Dispute Resolution in 1994, has been an active member since it was formed and served a two-year term as its chairperson (1996-98). He is recognized as an accomplished mediator of a variety of commercial disputes, with particular expertise involving construction industry disputes, including multi-party mediations. Bill has been involved in over 150 arbitrations as an advocate or arbitrator in several states.

MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

- Fellow, American College of Construction Lawyers
- Listed, "Best Lawyers in America" (Alternative Dispute Resolution, Construction Law, Commercial Litigation, Bet-the-Company Litigation)
- Listed, "Alabama Super Lawyers" (Alternative Dispute Resolution)

- Author, "The Mediation Alternative: Participating in a Problem-Solving Process", The Alabama Lawyer, 1995.
- Author, "The Arbitration Alternative: Some Common Issues", The Alabama Lawyer, 2009
- Alabama Supreme Court Commission on Dispute Resolution (1994 - present; Chairman, 1996 - 98)
- National Panel of Arbitrators, American Arbitration Association
- Panel of Distinguished Neutrals, CPR Institute for Dispute Resolution
- President, Alabama Center for Dispute Resolution, Inc.
- Alabama Academy of Attorney Mediators
- Master Benchers, American Inn of Court, Montgomery Court
- Committee on Alternative Methods of Dispute Resolution of the Alabama State Bar (1994 - 2010; Chairman, 1994 - 96)
- American Bar Association (Forum Committee on the Construction Industry, Public Contracts Section, Tort and Insurance Section, Alternative Dispute Resolution Section)
- Associate Member, Associated General Contractors, Alabama Branch
- Associate Member, Associated Builders and Contractors, Alabama Branch
- Casenote and Book Review Editor, Alabama Law Review
- Board of Directors, Leadership Alabama (Chair, 2010-2011)
- Board of Directors, Business Committee for the Arts (Chair, 2011-2012)
- Board of Control, Committee of 100, Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce (Chair, 2007-2009)
- Board of Directors, Montgomery Education Foundation
- Life Fellow, Alabama Law Foundation

RATES

Arbitration: \$300 per hour. Mediation: \$300 per hour for two parties; \$360 per hour for three or more parties.

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