

ZEB E. BARNHARDT, JR.
BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Education and Training:

- ❑ AB degree (History) from Duke University in 1964 (Angier B. Duke Scholar)
- ❑ Active duty for two years in the U. S. Navy, achieving the rank of Lieutenant in the reserves
- ❑ JD degree from Vanderbilt University School of Law in 1969 (Moot Court Board Brief Editor)
- ❑ 1994 NASD Arbitrator Training and Chairperson Training
- ❑ 1999 NASD New Chairperson Training
- ❑ 2003 Mediator Training (Private Adjudication Center at Duke University)

From August of 1969 through March of 1998, I practiced civil law with the firm of Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, PLLC, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. I was a member/partner of the firm from 1975 through March of 1998. Although my practice focused on general corporate, partnership and insurance law with a special emphasis on securities law matters and mergers and acquisitions, I have litigation experience in both state and federal court, as well, ranging from prosecuting collection actions to defending the first federal securities class action in the U. S. Middle District Court. I have an AV rating with Martindale-Hubbell.

Since April of 1998, I have been a solo practitioner, an independent business consultant, an arbitrator for the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., and a mediator. My law practice is primarily corporate representation of small businesses. As a business consultant, I have provided strategic advice to growing businesses. As an arbitrator, I have served on approximately 70 panels in matters dealing with a wide range of issues and claims, serving as chair of the panel in most of those matters. I serve as a co-trainer with NASD staff personnel for NASD arbitrator training courses. I am certified as a mediator in the North Carolina Mediation Conference and with the NASD.

I am active in the North Carolina Bar Association (“NCBA”) and the American Bar Association (“ABA”) through participation in their respective Business Law sections and Dispute Resolution sections. I am a past Chair of the NCBA Business Law Section and currently serve as a member of the Section Council for the NCBA Dispute Resolution Section. NCBA service includes: chair of the Business Law Section; member of the Board of Governors, including service on the Finance Committee; and member of several Committees, including service as chair of the Membership Recruitment & Retention Committee and chair of the Lawyer Effectiveness & Quality of Life Committee.

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