

CHASE BOONE SAUNDERS

Experienced mediator, arbitrator, negotiator, conciliator, case risk evaluator with over 30 years of court experience

BACKGROUND

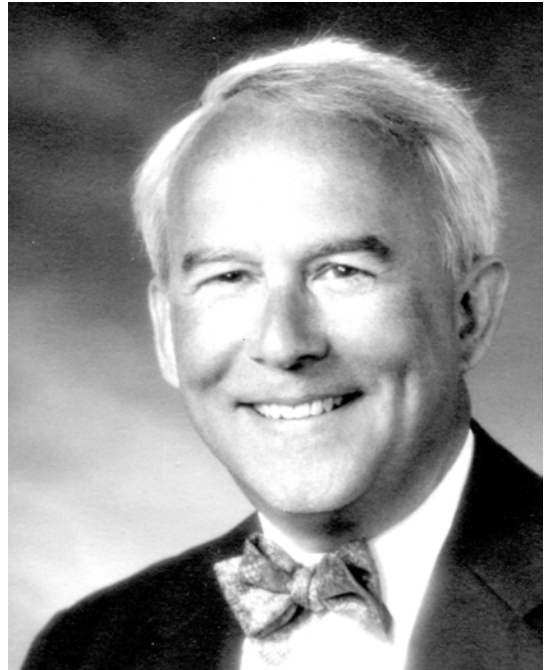
Retired: N.C. Senior Resident Superior Court Judge
Chief District Court Judge; Prosecutor; Attorney

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EDUCATION

College Prep: Eastover Elementary; Alexander Graham Junior High, Myers Park High School
College: 1969 The University of North Carolina; BA in History-English
Graduate: 1972 The University of North Carolina; JD in Law
Post Graduate: 1980 Central Piedmont Community College; AA in Accounting

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2000 The McNair Law Firm, P.A.
1999 Dozier Miller Pollard & Murphy in OF COUNSEL position
1998-1999 Principal in Chasemediates a mediation-arbitration service
1997 appointed Emergency Superior Court Judge
1997 retired as Senior Resident Superior Court Judge 26th Judicial District
1984 elected and 1994 re-elected to the Superior Court Bench
1982 appointed Superior Court Judge by Governor James B. Hunt
1977 appointed Chief District Court Judge by Justice Susie Sharp
1976 elected and 1980 re-elected District Court Judge
1972-1976 appointed Assistant District Attorney by Thomas F. Moore, Jr.

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

CURRENT LITIGATION: general civil business practice including commercial, contract, construction, employment, condemnation, collection, insurance defense, equitable distribution, partition, and real estate matters

JURY LITIGATION: In the North Carolina courts: Civil; including the trial of

personal injury and wrongful death, medical and legal negligence, contract, real estate, wills, employment, and domestic matters; criminal; including death penalty cases; condemnation, non-compete covenants. Initiated the use of *summary jury trials* as a case settlement method.

NON-JURY LITIGATION: (arbitration equivalent) for twenty years in the State court system in the District and Superior Court Divisions. Last CLE program: 1996 ABA Arbitration - Mediation Conference in Charlotte.

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE TRAINING

2001 NASD Chairperson Certification
2001 N.C. Industrial Commission Mediation Certification renewal
2001 N.C. Certified Mediator Certification renewal
2001 EEOC Mediation Certification
1997 NASD Panelist Certification
1997 N.C. Department of Public Instruction Arbitrator Certification
1996 AAA Commercial Arbitration Certification

MEDIATION/VALUATION: Mediated shareholder, software, employment, medical malpractice, ERISA, copyright infringement, health care provider patient disputes, collection, construction, property damage, estates, technology auditing, website, robotic welders, photo-processing equipment, catastrophic personal injury cases, homeowner association disputes, governmental, environmental, franchises, stucco, trademark and patent, wrongful death, non-competition agreements, business breakups, broker-customer NASD securities issues, etc. involving multiple parties and complex issues for State and Federal Court. I mediate over 150 cases per year.

MEDIATION CONSULTATION WITH ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS: Engaged by universities to consult on faculty and town and gown disputes in 2000 and 2001 with the design of dispute resolution systems. Mediation of faculty peer to peer matters.

TECHNOLOGY MEDIATION/ARBITRATION: Mediated and arbitrated software and hardware, copyright, trademark, and installation disputes.

MEDICAL MEDIATION/ARBITRATION : Mediated, arbitrated, or presided over zero to six figure+ cases involving physicians, opticians, hospitals, medical service and product suppliers. Extensive personal injury evaluation mediation experience involving body parts, percentages of disability, and pain and suffering. Handled over 500 personal injury cases including medical malpractice in my 29 year legal career. Medical malpractice cases include misdiagnosis of eye conditions, radial keratotomy , breast cancer, arteriograms, foreign objects, and wrongful death arising from improper medication, etc.

ARBITRATION: Served on construction, UM/UIM automobile liability and damages, personal injury, construction, common carrier, buy-sell agreements, CERCLA, medical malpractice, public school employee removal, securities, efficiency studies, license agreements, fire loss cases, medical industry hospital and product disputes, hotel industry disputes, NASD securities disputes in both an individual and multi-panel arbitrator capacities.

Represented clients in commercial arbitration cases.

TECHNOLOGY INVOLVEMENT

1. Computer Mediation and Arbitration practice 1997-2001
 - a. hardware mediation: software management of machinery
 - b. software mediation: systems design for specialized services
 - c. website rights
 - d. patents; service marks, trademarks, copyright
 2. Website Concept, Design, Ongoing Development
 - a. Mecklenburg County Courts website URL: meckbar.org
 - b. Charlotte Rotary URL: charrotary.org
 - c. Health care company URL: healthgram.com
 - d. N.C. Bar Association: URL :barlinc.org/ ncbar.org
 - e. Art school URL: carolynsart.com
 - f. Historical Association URL: meckbar.org
 3. Information Delivery Systems
 - a. *Evidence Navigator* , an electronic evidence book
 - b. N.C. Bar Association Technology Committee
 - c. N.C. Courts Technology Advisory Committee 2000
 5. General Tech activities
 - a. N.C.B.A. Technology Section 1999 Annual Meeting
 - b. N.C. Computer Law and the Internet: August 1999 Seminar
 - c. Charlotte Chamber of Commerce IT Committee 2001
- Author of 1996, 1997 Criminal Law Update on disks with Federal Judge Carl Horn
 - Laptop computer use and Word proficiency

MANAGEMENT

CHIEF DISTRICT COURT JUDGE: responsible for scheduling, supervising, training, and managing ten judges; twenty-one trial and warrant-issuing Magistrates; one secretary; prepared training manuals; coordinated court-related agency operations; introduced tort case settlement data collection. (1977-1982)

SENIOR RESIDENT SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE: responsible for training and hiring judicial legal assistants; introducing standards for correspondence disposition; initiated interagency staff caseload meetings; developed and introduced an automated case management system; completed implementation of pretrial case mediation rules; supervised and coordinated activities of a trial court administrator and staff; scheduled and coordinated activities of six, circuit riding Superior Court Judges; regularly worked with the Institute of Government at Chapel Hill, the Administrative Office of the Courts, the Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court, and the County Commission on court-related administrative initiatives. Promoted JUROR APPRECIATION DAY as a day of recognition for jurors at the local and state levels. Developed and implemented a courthouse security system and monitoring committee. Initiated and developed the Special School Probation terms and conditions of probation to be implemented by way of a newly-created Court Liason position. Initiated the implementation of a LAN system to facilitate interagency communication. Initiated a breakfast for local Legislators. Promoted use of jury management software package.

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

North Carolina State Bar
North Carolina Bar Association
North Carolina Bar Association Dispute Resolution Section
North Carolina Bar Association Practice Management Section
North Carolina Bar Association Healthcare Section
North Carolina Bar Association Technology Committee; Public Records, Chair
North Carolina Dispute Resolution Commission
American Inns of Court - Justice Bobbitt Inn, President 2001-2002
American Bar Association 2001
Notary Public 1999

NON-CURRENT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Chair: Courts Coordinating Counsel
Chair: Key Court Officials Committee
Chair: Drug Court Board of Directors
Chair: N.C. Superior Court Judges Conference Education Committee
Mecklenburg County Bar Executive Committee
Devonshire Elementary School Judicial Day organizer and speaker
Model Continuance Policy Committee
North Carolina Courts Technology Committee
Legal Services Board of Directors
North Carolina Judicial Conference
North Carolina Governor's Sentencing Commission

Citizens Criminal Justice Commission
Jail Policy Advisory Group
Jail Bond Committee
Board of Directors of the TASC Treatment Program
Mecklenburg County Bar Committees: Technology, Civil, CLE,

CURRENT CIVIC ACTIVITIES and MEMBERSHIPS

Myers Park Presbyterian Church
Charlotte City Club
Advisory Board of Directors, Catawba Land Conservancy
UNC Alumni Association: Davie Dinner Planning Committee
Mecklenburg Carolina Club
YMCA Community Planning Committee 2000
Charlotte Swim and Racquet Club
Board of Directors, Mecklenburg Historical Association
Charlotte Rotary Club and Internet Committee
Museum of the New South
N.C. Supreme Court Historical Society
Charlotte Chamber of Commerce Information Technology Committee

RECOGNITION

1999: Rotary Paul Harris Fellow Award
1997: N.C. Superior Court Judicial Education Committee Award
1996: N.C. Courts Technology Award
1996: Governor's Order of the Long Leaf Pine
1991: City-County Bond Committee certificate
1979: Mecklenburg County Jaycees Man of the Year
1977: Boy Scouts of America District Distinguished Service Award
1976: Charlotte Jaycees Ten Outstanding Young Men

FACULTY AND SPEAKING EXPERIENCE

2002: "Arbitration...It's Popping Up Everywhere", NCATL Seminar
1999 "Mediation for Young Lawyers" MCB seminar (Nov.)
1999 "Understanding the Internet"; presentation to the FUNB CIC Dept. (Oct)
1999 "Introduction to Conservation Easements" MCB October seminar (Oct)
1999 "View from the Bench"; MCB litigation seminar speaker (May)
1999 "INTERNET CIVICS": the internet and government; Civitan, Rotary
1999 "Internet Applications for the Paralegal"; N.C. Paralegal Assn.
1998 Mediation Mistakes: North Carolina Trial Lawyers May 1998 seminar
1998 Myers Park High National Honor Society Award Ceremony speaker
1998 Mediation Do's and Don'ts: Mecklenburg Bar February 1998 seminar
1997 Criminal Law Update Seminar with U.S. Magistrate Carl Horn
1997 Superior Court Judicial Conference: disc technology update training

1996 NCATL : “Do’s and Don’ts for Plaintiff’s Attorneys: Judicial View”
1996 Fourth Circuit - N. C. Annual Criminal Law - Technology Review
1996 MCB-CLE speaker: “Mediation in the Real World: Judicial Perspective”
1984-1997: Program Chair and speaker responsible for planning and
presenting three, mandatory judicial conferences for the Superior
Judges of North Carolina
1988-present: presenter on topics including evidence, injunctions, non-
compete covenants, capital case management, negotiation, and
jury-assisted settlement trials
1993: N.C.B.A. panelist on legal education
1993: Presenter on evidence at Prof. Ronald Price’s evidence seminar
1993: Presenter on evidence at Prof. Walter Blakey’s evidence seminar
1992: Presenter at the N.C. Paralegal Annual Conference
1988-present: Presenter on ethics to new bar admittees
1989: Presenter on tort case evaluation
1988-1992: Presenter to Fourth Division bar on evidence
1984: Practicing Law Institute seminar faculty
1974-1976: Business Law Instructor: Central Piedmont Community College in
business law contracts and negotiable instruments