

# CHASE BOONE SAUNDERS

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

## BACKGROUND

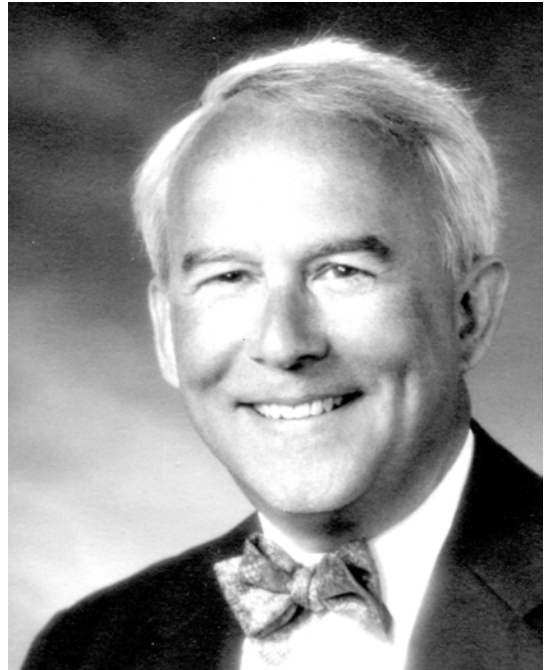
Retired: N.C. Senior Resident Superior Court Judge  
Chief District Court Judge; Prosecutor; Attorney

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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 26<sup>th</sup> 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