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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

HARRIET S. HOPKINS ATTORNEY AT LAW/CERTIFIED MEDIATOR , 1984-Present Solo Law and Mediation and Arbitration Practice

1984 to Present: Established and have managed and engaged in a successful general solo practice of law. Represent and counsel litigants in real estate, worker's compensation, social security disability, contract, negligence, advance care and other civil matters. Appear before state and federal court and administrative venues. Research and write diverse pleadings, motions, briefs, correspondence, settlement packages. Conduct hundreds of real estate closings. Hired, supervised and managed staff.

1996 to Present: Arbitrate and decide hundreds of diverse District Civil Court matters through North Carolina's court ordered arbitration program. Serve as an arbitrator in proceedings invoked under uninsured and underinsured liability insurance policies.

1996 to Present: Mediate and facilitate court ordered and voluntary mediated settlement conferences involving a variety of legal issues for the NC Industrial Commission, the Superior Court Mediated Settlement Program, and the Family Financial Mediation Program. Assist parties in analyzing, negotiating and resolving complex legal issues. Listen, gather information, generate settlement options, and effectively manage difficult litigants and attorneys while resolving disputes. Mediate in-house employment disputes in the private sector.

THOMPSON & MCALLASTER, P.A., 1982-1984

**Durham, North Carolina
Associate Attorney**

Handled a wide range of civil and criminal matters. Generated client base. Researched and wrote varied legal documents. Represented clients in state and federal court and administrative proceedings.

CAROLINA FRIENDS SCHOOL, 1975-1978

**Durham, North Carolina
Teacher and Advisor**

Taught Algebra I and II, Geometry, Pre-calculus, and other math courses at the high school level. Advised and counseled student advisees. Participated in Quaker community and process.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

N.C. Administrative Office of the Courts, Certified Mediator & Arbitrator, 1996 to present

N.C. Industrial Commission, Certified Mediator, 1997 to present

University of North Carolina School of Law, Juris Doctor, 1982

Participated in: Criminal Law Clinic, Women in Law, Prisoner's Rights Project

Duke University, B.A. Math and Education, cum laude, 1975

Guest Trainer, Private Adjudication Center Mediation Training Program, 2002

Beason & Ellis Conflict Resolution Mediation Training, 2003

Mediation Certification Training (40 hours), Private Adjudication Center, 1996

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS and COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Trustee, Carolina Friends School, Durham, NC, 2003-present

Development Committee Member, Carolina Friends School, 2003-2006

Judge and Mediator, ABA Law School Mediation Competition, 2002-2003

Committee service, Durham Monthly Meeting of Friends, 1999-2002

Dispute Resolution Section Council member, North Carolina Bar Association, 1998-2007

Board Member, North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys, 1995-1999

President, North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys, 1997-1998

Chair, North Central Legal Assistance Program Access to Justice Campaign, 1997-1998

Former President and Board Member, North Carolina Prisoner Legal Services

Former Trustee, North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics

Member of: North Carolina Bar Association
Durham County Bar Association
North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys
Durham Orange Association of Women Attorneys
Dispute Resolution Section, North Carolina Bar Association

REFERENCES

Honorable Robin A. Hudson, Associate Justice, N.C. Supreme Court, 919-831-5717

Ann E. McKown, District Court Judge, 14th Judicial District, 919-564-7240;
Ann.E.McKown@nccourts.org

Kathy Shuart, Trial Court Administrator, 14th Judicial District, 919-564-7200

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