

DANIEL C. DUCOTE

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Daniel C. Ducote has been a mediator since 1994 and his practice has been limited to Alternative Dispute Resolution since 1999. He has mediated over 5,000 cases and has also served as an arbitrator, special master and umpire. Dan brings a trial lawyer's perspective to the ADR process. He became Board Certified in Personal Injury Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in 1984 and enjoyed an active trial practice until 1998. Ducote has acquired the reputation of a "straight talking – no nonsense" mediator, who quickly identifies the pivotal issues in the case. Dan is not bashful about playing the role of the "devil's advocate" and believes an effective mediator is much more than a messenger. As a result, attorneys on both sides of the docket request that Dan mediate their cases. He receives judicial appointments on a regular basis at the state and federal levels in Beaumont and Houston.

**Primary Practice Areas:**

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Cases Mediated:

- Personal Injury litigation, including:
 - automobile/truck accidents;
 - medical malpractice;
 - toxic tort;
 - Jones Act/maritime;
 - premises liability;
 - uninsured/underinsured motorists;
 - gross negligence;
 - oil field accidents;
 - products liability;
 - FELA
- Texas Deceptive Trade Practice
- First Party insurance suits
- Building/construction disputes
- Contractual indemnity
- Business litigation
- Insurance coverage
- Employment litigation
- Class-action

Membership/Affiliations:

- The Texas Chapter of the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals
- The Texas Association of Mediators
- Texas Bar Association
- Jefferson County Bar Association
- All Texas Courts
- U. S. District Courts for Eastern and Southern Districts of Texas
- U. S. Court of Appeals - Fifth Circuit

Education:

- Baylor University (J.D. 1977)
- Baylor Law Review, Associate Editor (1976-1977)
- Lamar University (B.B.A. 1972)
- A.A. White Dispute Resolution Institute (1994)

Publications/Speaking:

- "Pre-mediation Checklist"; Jefferson County Bar Association February 2008

Honors and Awards:

- Who's Who Among Students in American Universities
- Board Certified, Personal Injury Trial Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization (1984)
- Martindale Hubbell, AV Rated
- Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society
- Blue Key National Honor Fraternity

Community Involvement:

- Has won 16 golf tournaments after age 40
 - 6th club championship at age 59
 - Shot 65 at age 66
- Co-Founder Spindletop Select Soccer Club
- Member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
 - Past Session Elder