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SOUTH AND CENTRAL TEXAS
ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION RESOURCES

MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION SERVICES

The Courthouse is not always the best place to resolve a dispute. The ADR group at Langley & Banack is composed of experienced mediators and arbitrators with years of active, substantive experience offering comprehensive ADR services. Our team has mediated and arbitrated in areas such as real estate, bankruptcy, family law, oil and gas, business and commercial, construction, insurance, probate, contract disputes, fiduciary duties, and personal injury litigation.

Langley & Banack's ADR services are available throughout Central and South Texas. Our attorneys offer a full range and depth of experience to help lawyers settle their cases outside of court. The San Antonio office includes a newly renovated conference center with seven rooms that feature the latest presentation and telecommunication technologies.

The ADR Group is led by Catherine Stone and William Sommers.

CATHERINE STONE

During more than two decades of judicial service on the Fourth Court of Appeals, **Catherine Stone** adjudicated thousands of appeals in a wide spectrum of legal areas, including personal injury, family law, contract and business disputes, probate and estates, oil and gas, general property disputes, community and non-profit associations, products liability, professional negligence, and employment disputes.

Justice Stone is available for ADR services and private judging in any of these substantive areas of law.

Board Certified in Civil Appellate Law since 1987, Justice Stone is also certified by the American Arbitration Association as an arbitrator. With her neutral temperament and strong commitment to helping parties efficiently resolve their disputes, she is often called upon to mediate both complex and simple cases. Justice Stone offers mediation, arbitration, either private or through the AAA, and early neutral case evaluation.



WILLIAM 'BILL' SOMMERS

With more than 30 years of experience litigating construction cases, **William 'Bill' Sommers** is often called on to mediate complex construction disputes. He has mediated construction cases involving defects, buildings, contract interpretations, nonperformance, delay claims, impact claims, design omissions, mechanics liens, bond claims, fraud and deceptive trade claims, and personal injuries which occur on construction sites.

Additionally, Mr. Sommers is an experienced mediator in cases involving insurance claims, insurance policies, indemnity agreements, and certificates of insurance related to construction disputes.

Mr. Sommers served as one of the first authors of the Construction Law Board Certification exam for the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and is a frequent speaker and writer on construction matters. He is regarded as one of the top construction litigators in Texas.

LUI CHAMBERS

Lui Chambers has more than 25 years of international transactional, contracting, and negotiation experience. Prior to joining Langley & Banack, Ms. Chambers served as regional general counsel for a global energy company, and, in a finance executive role, for a large Texas utility provider. Ms. Chambers is fluent in Spanish and German and has worked extensively in China, Russia, South Korea, the Middle East, West Africa, South and Central America, and Europe.

She has a thorough understanding of respective local legal frameworks and a keen sensitivity to respective cultural nuances.

Ms. Chambers was trained in arbitration at the University of Houston's A.A. White Dispute Resolution Center and has been certified in Commercial Arbitration (domestic and international) since 2008. Ms. Chambers is available for mediation and arbitration in all types of business cases including international and cross-border disputes.



JUSTIN MORLEY

With over a decade of courtroom experience in the areas of family law, guardianships, estate litigation and general litigation, **Justin Morley** is available to mediate or arbitrate cases involving any of these substantive issues. Board Certified in Family Law since 2013, Mr. Morley's reputation in Central and South Texas makes him an excellent choice to help attorneys and parties settle disputes outside of the courtroom.

Mr. Morley is a fair and impartial mediator who believes that, in general, the only limitations on settlement are time and creativity. He is committed to helping parties resolve their disputes. When necessary, he has worked late into the night to reach settlement. Mr. Morley's current mediation success rate is over 90 percent.

He is a Langley & Banack Shareholder who heads the Firm's New Braunfels office.



STEVE BROWNE

A native Texan, **Steve Browne** has successfully litigated cases throughout South and Central Texas for more than 40 years. His practice includes business, commercial, and insurance matters of all kinds including first party, professional malpractice, legal malpractice, products liability, construction, and personal injury litigation.

Board Certified in Personal Injury Trial Law since 1981, Mr. Browne has also served on the Commission which writes the exam. He is a member and former president of the San Antonio Chapter of the American Board of Trial Lawyers, an invitation-only association of attorneys which promotes civility, professionalism, and high ethical standards in the profession.

Mr. Browne is a Certified Mediator and has also received Arbitration training from Conflicts Solutions of Texas, where he serves as a panel member.



OTTO 'SKIP' GOOD

Otto 'Skip' Good has practiced law for more than 40 years and has tried more than 150 jury cases in South, South Central, and West Texas. He has experience handling cases involving products liability, professional liability, premises liability, insurance coverage, extra-contractual liability, oil field accidents, vehicular accidents, and commercial litigation.

He is a member of the San Antonio Bar Association, the State Bar of Texas, the American Trial Lawyers Association, and the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA).

Certified as a mediator since 1995, Mr. Good mediates civil cases, particularly in the areas of personal injury and insurance litigation, in addition to maintaining an active trial docket.



JO CHRIS LOPEZ

Jo Chris Lopez is one of a few family lawyers in Texas with extensive experience in handling a family law matter from filing through trial to appeal.

She is Board Certified in both Family and Civil Appellate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. She is a fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers where she received mediation training.

In addition to her active family law and appellate practices, Jo Chris regularly mediates family law cases pending in both the trial and appellate courts in Central and South Texas.



LUCRETIA MARMOR

Lucretia Marmor has over 20 years of litigation experience representing medical professionals, corporate healthcare entities, and product manufacturers. She has handled multi-party, complex cases and has experience navigating the legal and factual challenges for multiple parties on the same side of a medical malpractice case. Ms. Marmor also represents individuals before licensing and regulatory entities.

She has assisted corporate healthcare entities in pre-suit resolution of disputes and claims. She also represents clients in employment disputes through arbitration and litigation. She has a reputation of diligent case preparation and thorough understanding of technical case details.



STEPHEN WALRAVEN

Stephen Walraven has practiced insurance law and insurance coverage law for over 40 years. As a frequent speaker and former Chair of the Insurance Law Section of the State Bar of Texas, he has extensive experience representing both policy holders and carriers. In addition to advising policy holders and carriers, he has handled insurance disputes in arbitration, jury trials, and on appeal.

Mr. Walraven also acts as a mediator in insurance disputes.

More frequently, insurance policies are issued with provisions requiring mandatory arbitration. Mr. Walraven has arbitrated disputes in binding arbitration cases. Even when the policy does not call for mandatory arbitration parties may prefer to have insurance coverage disputes resolved in the private setting of arbitration by someone who is knowledgeable about insurance practice and law.



RICHARD M. BUTLER

After successfully trying civil lawsuits across South Texas for forty years, **Richard Butler** has shifted his practice to mediation. In his role as mediator, Mr. Butler brings to bear his extensive experience in high stakes litigation over a wide array of substantive law areas, such as oil and gas, construction, real estate, insurance, trade secrets, eminent domain, probate, agriculture, agriculture and wildlife resources.

His extensive experience litigating complex cases on both sides of the docket gives him the knowledge and objectivity needed to effectively analyze disputes and assist parties in resolving them. Mr. Butler has participated in numerous mediations as lead attorney for litigants and knows mediation methods that work and those that don't. As a testament to his ability to bring differing perspectives to appropriate resolution, Mr. Butler was also appointed as an interim Karnes County Judge in 2014.

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