



**Hon. Judit Gebhardt**

**Arbitrator, Mediator**

**Expertise Areas:**

- Personal Injury
- Consumer Protection
- Contracts
- Standard of Care
- Business
- Family

**WAMS Mediator Certification:** 1988

**Accomplishments:** Judge Gebhardt has focused her practice on negotiation, arbitration and mediation since leaving her private practice in Oregon in the late 1970's. Following service as a Hearing Examiner, with the Dept. of Employment Security, Judge Gebhardt became an Industrial Appeals Judge in Washington State, with primary responsibility for the adjudication of disability and related claims. She has arbitrated more than 300 claims and mediated or served as a settlement judge in over 400 cases in a variety of areas, with primary emphasis on contract disputes and tort claims involving both damage and liability issues. Her mediation practice focuses on claims involving domestic relations matters or personal injury claims involving medical standard of care issues. Additional practice experience has included disputes involving fraud, safety and health violations, race and gender discrimination, employment, occupational exposures and injuries, federal and state benefit programs, and consumer protection. She has particular experience in family, consumer, contract and financial claims involving business relationships and valuation issues through her involvement with numerous Attorney General programs.

In addition to serving as a mediator, Judge Gebhardt serves as a single or swing arbitrator in UIM, tort and commercial disputes. She has also taught Evidence, Worker's Compensation and Administrative Law in various continuing legal education courses, and has served as a Chair of the Administrative Law section of the Washington State Bar.

**Education:** USA&M Mediator Training, 1988; WAMS Advanced Mediator Training, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2001; National Judicial College, 1995; CDR Family Law Mediation Advanced Training, 1993; Willamette University, JD, 1976; Portland State University, BA, 1973.

**Affiliations:** Washington Arbitration & Mediation Service; Oregon State Bar Association, 1976; Washington State Bar Association, 1979.