



Mr. David "Mac" Shelton

Arbitrator, Mediator

Expertise Areas:

- Serious Injury & Wrongful Death
- Products Liability
- Real Estate
- Professional Negligence
- Civil Rights
- Premises Liability

WAMS Mediator Certification: 1991

Accomplishments: Mr. Shelton has mediated over 500 cases and has been a mediator and arbitrator exclusively since 2000. His ADR career began in 1987 when he was a trial lawyer with a Seattle firm known especially for its personal injury, employment, and civil rights work. Mr. Shelton's 30-year law practice included employment and civil rights cases and later focused on brain injury, bicycle, motorcycle accidents, products liability, premises, and medical negligence cases. He has mediated the widest range of civil claims, including commercial and real estate as well as tort claims. He has regularly been asked to serve as a sole or swing arbitrator in UM/UIM or other arbitrations.

Whether dealing with a "seven figure" claim or lesser amount, Mr. Shelton has a reputation for being relentless but patient and diplomatic. He is known for his attention to detail, being a quick study, and perseverance in following up the case that does not settle on the mediation date.

Mr. Shelton is a member of the Washington State Supreme Court Committee on Pattern Jury Instructions ("the WPI Committee"), on which he has served for 30 years. He has been chairperson and/or lectured at many CLE seminars regarding mediation and litigation. Mr. Shelton served as a chairperson or officer of many bar association and community organizations, including the American Bar Association Journal's Advisory Board, Seattle Public Defender Association, Washington State Brain Injury Association, Bicycle Alliance of Washington, and National US-China Peoples Friendship Association. He is currently Of Counsel to the Seattle law firm of MacDonald, Hoague & Bayless, where he was Managing Partner for a number of years.

Education: USA&M Mediator Training, 1991; WAMS Advanced Mediator Training, 1996, 2001, 2003; University of Washington, JD, 1970; Oberlin College, AB, 1966.

Affiliations: Washington State Bar Association (ADR Section); King County Bar Association (ADR Section); Federal Bar Association; Rule 39.1 Mediator for U.S. District Court of West. Washington; admitted to the bars of the U.S. Supreme Court and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.