



BIOGRAPHY

Joseph W. Watkins, Esq.

Mediator & Arbitrator · 49+ years of practice

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With over 49 years of experience as a civil trial lawyer, Joe Watkins spent the first 20 years of his career with a defense firm, where he handled and tried a wide range of cases, including products liability, medical, dental, and chiropractic malpractice, legal malpractice, catastrophic trucking and automobile cases, premises liability, and insurance coverage cases. In 1997 he, along with two of his defense firm partners, started a plaintiff's practice, where he represented severely injured individuals and their families in personal injury and wrongful death cases in state and federal courts throughout Georgia. Joe also has argued cases in the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals of Georgia, as well as in the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals. He began a part-time mediation practice in 2005.

Joseph W. Watkins joined Henning Mediation's Panel of Neutrals in 2017.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Healthcare & Medical · Insurance · Insurance Coverage · Labor & Employment · Legal Malpractice · Liability · Malpractice · Medical Malpractice · Nursing Home · Premises Liability · Sexual Misconduct · Wrongful Death

Education

- University of Georgia, J.D., cum laude, Order of the Coif (1977)
- University of Georgia, A.B., summa cum laude (1974)

Bar Admissions

- Georgia (1977)
- Admitted to all Georgia trial and appellate courts
- United States District Court, Northern, Middle and Southern Districts
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RATES

per party, per hour

Two party	\$375
Three party	\$315
Four party	\$275
Five party	\$225

TRAVEL

Travel outside metro Atlanta is billed at \$200/hour for travel time, plus reasonable transportation, lodging, and meal expenses. An 8-hour minimum applies to out-of-town hearings.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancel or reschedule a mediation more than 14 days out and no fee applies. Within 14 days, a 4-hour charge at the neutral's hourly rate applies to each party, per scheduled date.



United States Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit

Legal Employment

- Watkins, Lourie, Roll & Chance, PC (Partner, 1997 to 2021)
- Long, Weinberg, Ansley & Wheeler (Associate, 1977-1980; Partner, 1981-1997)

Professional & Civil Organizations

- State Bar of Georgia (Insurance Law Section, Chairman, 1987 - 1988)
- Georgia Trial Lawyers Association
- President (2007 - 2008)
- President Elect (2006 - 2007)
- Parliamentarian (2005 - 2006)
- Legislative Co-Chairman (2004 & 2005)

Professional Experience and Honors

- Georgia Super Lawyers (2004 to present)
- Top 100 Georgia Lawyers (2008)
- Tried numerous cases, including areas of premises liability, products liability, medical, dental, chiropractic and legal malpractice, insurance agent negligence, trucking and automobile accidents, sexual assault, battery, libel, civil RICO, fraud, breach of contract and insurance coverage disputes.
- Represented plaintiffs and defendants in countless mediations, including cases in Georgia, Tennessee, and South Carolina.
- Frequent speaker at CLE Programs
- Registered Mediator and Arbitrator in Georgia

Mediation Training

- Henning Mediation & Arbitration Service, Inc.