

PROFESSIONAL BIOGRAPHY

My career has revolved around a commitment to issues of social and economic justice. I worked for almost ten years as a legal assistant specializing in government benefit programs. After law school, I worked more than a year in the central writing and research department for the Connecticut Superior Court. I also have experience in bankruptcy, employment discrimination and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Since 2003 I have been a mediator registered with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution. I have mediated cases in the following areas: landlord/tenant, Juvenile Court, family including divorces cases with and without domestic violence, modification and legitimation special education and general civil.

My strength, as I and others see it, is as an attentive listener. Not only do I hear what is said, but am attuned to what is not said. I strongly believe that critical to reaching agreement on the substantive issues, is providing each party the opportunity to be heard, as well as be responsible and accountable for its choices. My varied experiences, professional and personal, afford me the ability to understand, intellectually and emotionally, the complexity of issues involved in most disputes.