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<b>I. Professional</b>	<b>Accrediting Agency or Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Date of Admission</b>
<b>Attorney</b>	<b>Texas</b>	<b>1984 (active)</b>
<b>Attorney</b>	<b>Florida</b>	<b>1980 (inactive)</b>
<b>Attorney</b>	<b>Oregon</b>	<b>1990 (inactive)</b>

<b>II. Professional Organization</b>	<b>Date of Admission</b>	<b>Active/Inactive</b>
<b>Association of Attorney-Mediators</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>Active</b>

### **III. General professional experience:**

**Jeff Abrams, Esq.** has successfully mediated challenging cases for thousands of parties since 1986. Jeff has been a lawyer since 1980, an active full-time mediator since 1986, a mediation trainer since 1988, and an arbitrator since 1990. Before becoming a mediator, he worked as a trial lawyer handling complex business litigation. In the late 1990s, he was the President and CEO of a national fitness company for long-haul truckers, establishing gyms at truck stops across the country. Jeff was an ADR pioneer, serving on the legislative task force that drafted the landmark 1987 Texas ADR law. He has trained attorneys, judges and executives in communication and negotiation, conflict management, mediation skills, and dispute resolution systems design. He consulted with FINRA (then NASD-DR) on the original design of its mediation program and trained the executive staff in mediation skills. In the early days of the FINRA mediation program, Jeff traveled across the country training new mediators for the program. Jeff is a frequent and popular speaker on ADR. With over 25 years of exclusive mediation practice, he brings the unique skills necessary to resolve the most difficult case. He travels nationwide for mediation, with offices based in Texas and Washington.

### **IV. General pertinent experience:**

See above

### **V. Mediation training:**

Attended mediation training courses early in career in 1986 and 1987. Since then, Jeff Abrams had offered mediation training workshops to hundreds of lawyers and judges across the country.

He presented (as lead trainer) the first bankruptcy mediation training classes at the U.S. bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, sponsored by the Court, then-Clerk Cecelia Morris and the Honorable Burton Lifland.

**VI. Pertinent bankruptcy training:**

Training in bankruptcy issues and adversary proceedings in preparation for the mediation training offered at USBC, SDNY, in the 1990s.

**VII. General pertinent business or legal experience:**

See above