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After a successful career as a trial lawyer in both his own firm and an AmLaw 100 firm specializing in "Bet the Company Litigation," Jerry has devoted the past 20 years of his career to serving as a mediator/arbitrator and expert in ADR processes. He has successfully mediated or arbitrated more than 100 cases concentrating on high asset business disputes in telecommunications, natural resources, aviation, malpractice and general commercial areas. Several of the cases have included awards or settlements in the mid eight figures.

Jerry has been called, by Jim Lyons of Lewis Roca Rothgerber, the "Father" of Alternative Dispute Resolution in Colorado. When he served as President of the Colorado Bar, he implemented the Colorado Pledge, a partnership between lawyers and businessmen which required participants to explore ADR techniques before filing suit against one another. Along with U.S. Circuit Court Judge David Ebel and Jefferson County District Court Judge Kenneth Barnhill, he persuaded the Colorado Supreme Court to amend the Colorado Rules of Professional Conduct to impose upon lawyers a duty to advise clients of ADR solutions in all matters which involve expected litigation. He also founded the "No Continuance" program in the Denver District Court which provided on-call mediators or arbitrators for all civil cases which were unexpectedly continued on the date of trial.

Jerry has served on numerous national panels of neutrals and currently is a member of several panels of the CPR Institute for International Dispute Resolution and the American Arbitration Association's Large Complex Case Panel. He has provided training courses in trial tactics, mediation and arbitration at the University of Denver Law School, the Swedish Trade Council and the Denver Chamber of Commerce, as well as various CLE courses.

### Education and credentials

- University of Michigan, J.D.

- Amherst College, B.A.
- Graduate, Harvard Law School courses on Negotiation, Advanced Negotiation, and Mediation
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators