

# RON BANKSTON

## EXPERIENCE

- Licensed attorney since June 1977
- Mediator since 1996
- Served as mediator for over 20 years in thousands of matters including personal injury, wrongful death, product liability, energy, oilfield, offshore/maritime, 42 U.S. C. §1983, Title IX, construction, premises liability, broker and other professional liability, non-subscriber liability, consumer claims, business torts, contract disputes, partnership and shareholder disputes, business dissolution, health law, medical/legal/other professional malpractice, appellate, real estate, employment, contracts, toxic tort and mass tort, probate and employment disputes
- Texas Chapter of the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals
- Distinguished Credentialed Mediator, Texas Mediator Credentialing Association
- Board Certified, Personal Injury Trial Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization, 1985; Recertified 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010, 2015 and 2020
- In excess of 100 lead counsel jury trials
- In excess of 100 lead counsel mediations, and hundreds of lead counsel settlements
- Over 35 years litigation experience, representing plaintiffs and defendants, individuals, families, small businesses, professionals, corporations, insurance companies and governmental entities in civil litigation matters
- Decades of experience as Court-appointed Special Master, Guardian Ad Litem, Attorney Ad Litem and Trustee
- Over 30 years law firm management experience
- Over 30 years experience negotiating and drafting commercial leases, construction and other commercial contracts
- Best Lawyers In America
- Martindale Hubbell Peer Review Rating: AV Preeminent 5.0 out of 5
- Who's Who In American Law
- Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers in the U.S.
- Texas Super Lawyer 2007-2023
- Houston's Top Lawyers – Mediation 2015-2017, 2019
- Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum
- Legal Leaders Top Texas Lawyers 2014
- Elected by peers to American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) 2007
- AVVO rating: Superb 10.0 out of 10

## EMPLOYMENT

- Bankston & Associates, PC, Mediation and Civil Litigation, April 2012 – present
- Houston Urban Debate League, Founding Board Member and Chair/Co-Chair of the Board of Directors 2008-2011, President & CEO, February 2012 to February 2014, Board Member February – December 2014
- Kane Russell Coleman & Logan PC, Senior Director (Partner) and Member of Board of Directors, September 2008 – March 2012
- Godwin Pappas Ronquillo, Partner 2006 – August 2008
- Bankston Riley LLP/Bankston & Associates, P.C./Bankston & McDowell, L.L.P., Partner 1983 – 2006
- Fulbright & Jaworski, 1977 – 1983
- Rice University, Academic Advisor and Lead Instructor – Rice University Paralegal Program, 2005 – 2011
- Texas Commission For Lawyer Discipline, State Bar of Texas, Special Assistant Disciplinary Counsel, 1995 – Present

## PROFESSIONAL LICENSES AND ASSOCIATIONS

- Admitted, State Bar of Texas and Supreme Court of Texas, 1977
- Admitted, U.S. District Courts for Southern and Eastern Districts of Texas, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, U.S. Court of Claims
- Member of Texas Association of Civil Trial and Appellate Specialists
- Sustaining Life Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation
- Sustaining Life Fellow, Houston Bar Foundation
- Elected by peers to American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) 2007
- State Bar of Texas Alternative Dispute Resolution Section
- University of Houston Honors College Advisory Board
- University of Houston Speech and Debate Society Hall of Fame
- Houston Urban Debate League Emeritus Board Member

## PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

- Distinguished Faculty Houston Bar Association Continuing Legal Education Programs – Mediation and Litigation Subject Areas
- Guest Lecturer and Instructor in Trial Advocacy, University of Houston Law Center
- Invited Lecturer on Personal Injury, Product Liability, Premises Liability, Construction Liability, Water Park and Aquatic Safety Liability, Rental Equipment Liability, Litigation Ethics and Mediation
- Publications include:
  - Personal Injury Forms: Discovery & Settlement (James Publishing, 2007)
  - The New Litigator's Guide to Trial Practice ("Courtroom Ethics" and "Lessons From Seasoned Litigators") NBI Seminar Presentation and Written Materials January 2008
  - Stowers Today: Settlement Demands and Settlement Responses , University of Houston Law Center 2007
  - Advanced Personal Injury Trial Law Seminar Fall 2007
  - Seminar Presentation, Houston, Texas, October 2007
  - Plaintiff's Personal Injury: Practice Tips and Application ("Understanding the Law of Damages" and "Basics of Civil Practice, Procedure and Discovery" ) NBI Seminar Presentation and Written Materials, Houston, Texas, February 2007;
  - "Legal Affairs: Using Mediation Rather Than Litigation To Reduce Your Legal Expenses," Smart Business Magazine, September 2006
  - Construction Site Safety Issues: Seeing Yourself As Trial Lawyers Do; "Public Safety Laws For Texas Architects, Engineers and Construction Professionals," Seminar Presentation and Written Materials, Houston, Texas, February 2006

## EDUCATION

- University of Houston Law Center – JD 1977
- University of Houston – BA 1974
- Harvard School of Public Health, Office of Continuing Education – Health Effects of Asbestos: Pulmonary Anatomy & Physiology, X-Ray Interpretation and Epidemiology of Mesothelioma, Lung Cancer and Other Malignancies: 1986
- Attorney-Mediators Institute, Houston, Texas
  - Basic Mediator Training, January 1996
  - Skills Based Mediation Seminar, October 1997

- Advanced Mediator Training, November 1997
- Center for Litigation Risk Analysis
  - Litigation Risk Analysis, November 1997
- Texas Bar Continuing Legal Education
  - Effective Negotiation and Mediation Advocacy 1999
  - Latz: Five Golden Rules of Negotiation 2004
  - Tips, Tricks and Traps of Mediation and Negotiation Ethics 2005
  - Alternative Dispute Resolution: Recognizing Cognitive Barriers to Creative Solutions 2013
  - The Secrets of Successful (And Ethical) Negotiations 2013
  - Successful Mediation In A Nutshell 2013

## CONTACT

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