



Julie Williamson is a mediator and arbitrator concentrating on the resolution of business, employment, and probate disputes. She helps companies and individuals solve problems related to real estate transactions, contract disputes, business dissolutions, class and FLSA collective actions, bankruptcy issues, insurance practices, employment practices, financial fraud issues, investment claims, employee benefits, and a variety of other matters.

She is committed to resolving disputes outside of the courtroom to minimize the costs of litigation—time, money, emotions, and distraction—and enable parties to return to pursuing productive lives and profitable businesses.

### **JULIE McCURDY WILLIAMSON, ESQ.**

As an arbitrator and mediator, Ms. Williamson has resolved disputes involving FLSA collective actions, business dissolutions, breach of fiduciary duty, probate matters, franchise and license agreements, partnership agreements, limited liability companies, real estate transactions, and other claims of breach of contract and related torts. As a litigator, Ms. Williamson handled a wide variety of commercial cases, for example:

- Defending an NFL franchise in a class action brought by season ticketholders claiming breach of contract in the setting of ticket prices
- Representing managers in a federal court class action against a publicly held chemical company to recover severance benefits under ERISA.
- Defending a national FLSA collective overtime action with state law class action claims brought by physical damage insurance adjusters.
- Representing investors in actions against national brokerage company in state and federal courts in five states.
- Leading role in federal court case against one hundred defendants, including appearing before the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation.
- Representing business owner in bankruptcy court adversary proceeding against former business partner for fraud and misappropriation of funds.
- Representing lenders and receivers in actions involving manipulative borrowing practices, flipping schemes, and fraudulent conveyances.
- Representing second-generation business owner in arbitration concerning the dissolution of a multi-state family-owned gravel operation.

### **WORK HISTORY AND RECOGNITION**

Before joining CRS, Ms. Williamson practiced complex commercial litigation in Denver from 1982 to 2013. She was a partner at the law firms of Sherman & Howard, McKenna & Cuneo, L.L.P. and Biegling Shapiro & Barber LLP, and was a founding partner of Hoffman Reilly Pozner & Williamson LLP. Ms. Williamson has been elected to The Best Lawyers in America® for all years since 2006. She was named a Colorado Super Lawyer in Business Litigation from 2009 to 2013 and in Alternative Dispute Resolution in 2014 through 2016. She holds Martindale Hubbell's highest rating of AV preeminent.

## **MEDIATION FOCUS**

Ms. Williamson focuses on resolving:

- Breach of contract/business tort claims
- Business & professional dissolutions
- Employment claims
- Probate matters
- Class & FLSA collective actions
- Real estate disputes
- Financial fraud cases
- Bankruptcy – adversary proceedings

## **EDUCATION**

- University of Colorado School of Law, J.D., 1982, Order of the Coif
- Lewis and Clark College, B.A., 1978, summa cum laude, National Merit Scholar
- Approximately 100 hours of ADR training through Mares-Dixon & Associates and the American Arbitration Association.

## **BAR ADMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

- Admitted to the bars of the State of Colorado, the United States District Court for the District of Colorado, the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, and the United States Court of Federal Claims.
- Mediator and Member of the National Roster of Commercial Arbitrators and the Large Complex Panel for the American Arbitration Association.
- Colorado Lawyers Committee: former Board Chair, member of Hate Crimes Education Task Force.
- Colorado Bar Association: Ethics Committee and Trust and Probate, Solo and Small Firms, Employment, and ADR sections.
- Member of the Faculty of Federal Advocates, the Denver Bar Association, the Colorado Women’s Bar Association (Professional Advancement Committee) and Foundation (Circle of Minerva), the Colorado Bar Foundation (fellow), The Mediation Association of Colorado, and the Association for Conflict Resolution.

## **RECENT PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- “Effective Use of Experts in Mediation and Arbitration,” Colorado Statewide ADR Conference, October 2015.
- “Effective Pre-Mediation Evaluation of the Commercial Case,” *The Colorado Lawyer*, June 2015.
- “How to Make the Mediation Process Work and Avoid Malpractice Pitfalls Along the Way,” CLE in Colorado, Inc., program, February 2015.
- “Ethical Dilemmas in Mediation: What Would You Do?” *Trial Talk*, August/September 2014, Colorado Trial Lawyers Association.

- Settlement and Mediation,” *Lawyers’ Professional Liability in Colorado: Preventing Legal Malpractice and Disciplinary Actions*, 2014 and 2015 Editions, CLE in Colorado, Inc.
- “Negotiating with Difficult People,” Colorado Statewide ADR Conference, October 2013.

#### **RATES**

- \$2800 Full Day Flat Fee
- \$1400 Half Day Flat Fee
- \$325 Per Hour
- Travel – Mileage Only