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BIOGRAPHY

- *noblemediation, LLC* - Mediator/Arbitrator - Founding Principal (2009 - present).
- Meyer, Darragh, Buckler, Bebenek & Eck, P.L.L.C.: (1979-2009).
- Equity Partner (1991-2009); Executive Committee (1994-1997).
- Admitted to practice in all State Courts in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (1982).
- U.S.D.C. for the Western District of Pennsylvania; U.S.D.C. Court of Appeals.
- Juris Doctorate - Duquesne University School of Law/Evening Division (1982).
- BA Degree - Washington & Jefferson College (1978).

ADR EXPERIENCE

- **Mediation** - Mediating more than 5,600 civil matters since 2003 - primarily in Pennsylvania as well as West Virginia, Maryland, Ohio, New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. During this time period, Mr. Noble has achieved more than \$2.8 Billion in settlements. Approximately 60% of the mediations involve complex medical malpractice/medical related claims as well as commercial/personal motor vehicle/personal injury. Mediation subject matter has also included the following; sexual assault/abuse claims, professional liability (hospital/emergency room, nursing, physical therapy, physician, dental and psychiatric malpractice), non-medical professional malpractice (architectural/legal), pharmaceutical liability, commercial motor carrier liability (including catastrophic multi-vehicle/multi-claimant accidents), complex/catastrophic products liability (motor vehicle manufacturer liability/crash worthiness, faulty airbag and faulty ignition claims, medical device, commercial fireworks, ATV, chain saw), PA HRC/EEOC (age, sex and race discrimination, hostile work environment, constructive termination), adult/minor sexual assault, attractive nuisance, complex construction/personal injury litigation, roadway design claims, fire loss/subrogation, real estate, property boundary/sub-division disputes, mold claims, ERISA, FELA, FCRA, partnership disputes, commercial premises and homeowners liability, dog bites, insurance-UIM/UM, bad faith, breach of contract, franchise disputes, electric utility liability, dram shop/liquor liability.
- **Arbitration** - Appointed/serving as Sole Binding Arbitrator throughout Pennsylvania 10-15 times per year, primarily medical malpractice, personal injury/motor vehicle and product liability claims. Appointed neutral, defense and/or plaintiff arbitrator in over 250 UIM/UM arbitration hearings, high-low baseball arbitrations as well as Binding Common Pleas Arbitration Hearings/Summary Jury Trials.

PUBLICATIONS

- “*The Making of a Mediator-One Lawyer’s Journey*”-The Pennsylvania Lawyer 2006.
- “*The Making of a Mediator-Part Two*”- The Pennsylvania Lawyer 2006.
- “*The Making of a Remote Mediator-Part Two Why I Now (Really) Enjoy Being A Lawyer*” – The Pennsylvania Lawyer, 2024

- *“Mediation Update: Continuing Developments in ADR”.*
- *“Practice Tips; Medical Malpractice Mediation and Arbitration”.*
- PBA Arbitration and Mediation Newsletter.
- *“Federal Court Launches “Pilot” ADR Program”-Westmoreland County’s Sidebar.*
- *The “M” Word Cometh - Just How Prepared Are You?”-PBA’s Civil Litigation Update.*
- *“Mediation Advocacy-Winning the Negotiations”-Today’s Attorney.*
- *“The Mediation Explosion - Have You Heard About It?”-Today’s Attorney.*

SPEAKING OUT

- Pennsylvania Bar Association – October 2023
- Temple Law School – January 2022, 2023
- Frequent Alternative Dispute Resolution Speaker
- Penn Law School – July 2025

EXPERT EXPERIENCE

- Expert witness qualification in Professional Legal Malpractice claim - Allegheny County.

PAST/PRESENT BAR ASSOCIATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Allegheny, Washington and Westmoreland County Bar Associations; Pennsylvania and American Bar Associations.
- President: Westmoreland Bar Association (2016-2017); Board of Directors: Westmoreland County Bar Association (2013-2016);
- Committees: ADR (Chair/co-Chair), Civil Litigation, Activities and Bench Bar; Committee of the Year Award - ADR Committee (2014); Westmoreland Trial Academy; Founder: Westmoreland Mediation Academy; Cooperative Divorce Center.
- Pennsylvania Bar Association Professional Liability Committee Special Achievement Award - PBA Annual Meeting.

The Pennsylvania Bar Association honored John Noble for his “significant contribution” in the creation of CD-ROMS by the PBA Professional Liability Committee, which have become a vital part of the malpractice avoidance programs conducted annually statewide. “His participation in writing and directing in the vignettes, as well as the on-screen acting, have resulted in high-quality teaching materials for both the County Bar and law-firm malpractice avoidance programs.”