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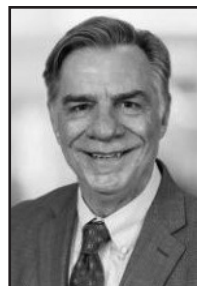
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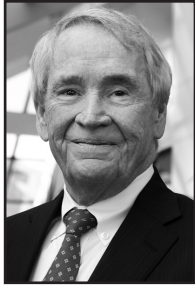
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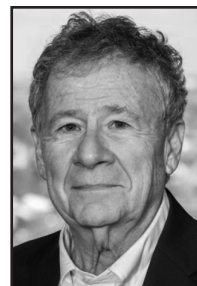
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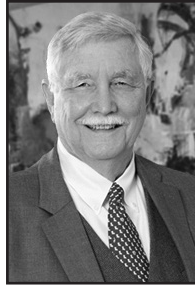
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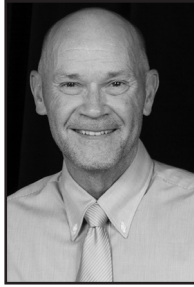
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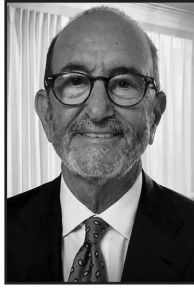
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Judge Nadine M. Ramsey (Ret.) has been a maps arbitrator and mediator since 2010. She started her professional career serving Louisiana and the City of New Orleans, first as an assistant attorney general for the state of Louisiana and then as an assistant city attorney. As an assistant city attorney, she was a member of the legislative staff responsible for serving as the City's liaison to the state Legislature and was on the land use and zoning team. She also served as a law clerk to the Louisiana 4th Circuit Court of Appeal and was engaged in private practice from 1987-96, where she served as general counsel for the Louisiana Care Authority and judge pro tempore to the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court. She served on the Orleans Parish Civil District Court from 1996-2009 and New Orleans City Council from 2014-18.

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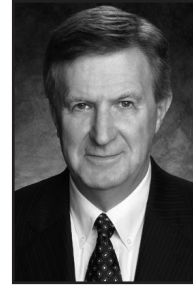
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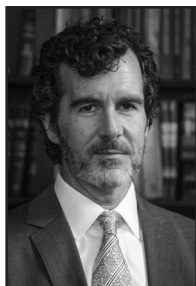
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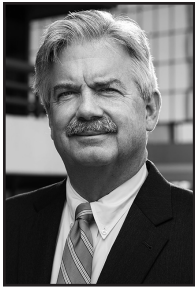
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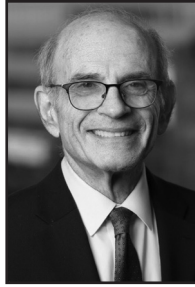
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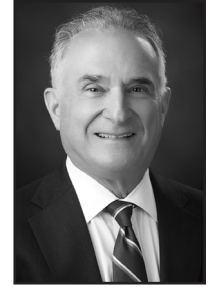
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Three Louisiana statutes detail the requirements to be listed on the three Louisiana Mediator Registries, as coordinated by the Louisiana State Bar Association's Alternative Dispute Resolution Section.

► **Civil Mediator Registry:** La. R.S. 9:4106.

► **Child Custody and Visitation Registry:** La. R.S. 9:334.

► **Juvenile Mediator Registry:** Louisiana Children's Code Art. 439.

The **Louisiana Mediator Registry Requirements** are located on the LSBA's website at:
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Also on the website are the three **Applications**, the current **Louisiana Mediator Registry** and several **ADR Training Providers**.

Interested parties may contact Registrar Christine A. Richard by email at crichard@lsba.org.



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