

F. WITCHER MCCULLOUGH, III

ATTORNEY-MEDIATOR AND ARBITRATOR AUSTIN, TX

Witcher McCullough, located in Austin, Texas, a lawyer for over 40 years, has mediated over 1000 cases in Texas and throughout the United States. He began incorporating mediation into his practice in 1992. McCullough has also served as an arbitration advocate in numerous arbitration cases starting in the early 1970's and is also an arbitrator with the American Arbitration Association. The cases in which he has been involved as both an advocate and an ADR professional have ranged from complex commercial cases, employment law, personal injury, securities (customer/broker-dealer disputes), real estate construction and development, intellectual property disputes, to many other legal matters. He has mediated complex cases for NASD/ FINRA where he has been an approved mediator since 1996. McCullough enjoys extensive traveling as part of providing ADR services, and establishes a reasonable, fixed fee (including travel expenses) at the engagement stage to avoid any later unnecessary surprises.

McCullough is a fifth-generation lawyer from West Virginia who moved to Texas immediately upon graduation from law school to begin his practice in 1970. His litigation practice started as a Federal Prosecutor in Houston where he ultimately received an appointment as a Special Attorney-In-Charge over a combined law enforcement strike force. In 1982, he was voted the "most qualified" by various Bar Polls in a judicial race for the Court of Appeals. He resided in Houston until 1987 when he moved to Austin, Texas to continue his association with the law firm of Baker Botts. He has spent a substantial amount of his career with that firm, as well as with Sheinfeld, Maley & Kay; Diamond McCarthy; and most recently with Haynes and Boone, LLP before opening McCulloughADR in 2009.

McCullough is an active member of the State Bar of Texas and an inactive member of the State Bar of West Virginia. He is admitted to practice before all U.S. District Courts in Texas and numerous U.S. District Courts in other states as well as the United States Supreme Court. His professionalism has been recognized by the Texas Supreme Court by its appointment of him to its Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee for nine years, three of which he was appointed its Chair. He remains an ex officio member. The Presidents of the State Bar of Texas have appointed him to its Houston and Austin Grievance Committees for 24 years and to the Texas Bar President's Task Force for the Unauthorized Practice of Law for 3 years.

McCullough has tried cases in State and Federal Court, including successfully arguing before the Texas Supreme Court and the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

McCullough was presented with the Albert Nelson Lifetime Achievement Award from Marquis Who's Who in 2018.

McCullough is a past member of the Board of Directors for Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and remains active with various other charitable organizations. He graduated from Stetson University with a B.A. degree in English in 1967, and he has served as a member of its Alumni Board of Directors, District Chair for Texas and Oklahoma. He earned his J.D. degree from West Virginia University in 1970.

McCullough resides in Austin, Texas, where he also served as a Relief Austin Municipal Judge (2012-2018).