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Recognized by attorneys and clients alike for his fair, creative style and tenacious commitment to helping parties reach a resolution even if it means he continues to facilitate conversations between interested parties after the day of mediation, Greg serves as a full-time mediator for all civil and family law disputes. Greg works with parties throughout Texas and the United States.

In 2000 he acted on his vision for providing a peaceful, neutral site for the constructive resolution of disputes by co-founding The Lakeside Mediation Center. Greg and the Lakeside Mediation Center provide the full range of dispute resolution services, including mediations, arbitrations, continuing legal education seminars and consulting services.

With over fifteen years of litigation experience on both sides of the docket for large corporations, small businesses and individuals, Greg brings an acute ability to view conflict and concerns from different perspectives and to work with each party to cultivate innovative solutions. He has successfully mediated disputes involving employment and wrongful termination, discrimination, and sexual harassment; commercial issues, contracts, securities and partnership dissolution; the media; divorce and family matters; intellectual property; professional liability; environmental concerns; real estate and construction; landlord/tenant relationships; personal injury and products liability; consumer (DTPA) issues; products liability; probate; and insurance law.

Greg's skills and leadership in mediation are widely recognized. Highlights of his recent honors and affiliations include,

- *Texas Monthly's* "Super Lawyer in Mediation and Arbitration" for 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009 and 2010; a distinction awarded to the top 5% of lawyers statewide
- *Austin Business Journal's* "Best of the Best in Commercial Mediation and Arbitration" for 2004
- Past President of the Central Texas Chapter of Association of Attorney Mediators
- Founding Member of the Board of Directors of the Texas Mediator Credentialing Association, a statewide initiative to develop and implement a central code of ethics, credentialing process and grievance procedure for the practice of mediation in Texas

- Alumnus of the Attorney Mediator Institute, advanced mediator training from the Association of Attorney Mediators and family law mediator training from Ceasefire, Inc.
- Co-Producer of and mediator in the training video, “A Guide to Mediation,” which received the 2000 Communicator Award for excellence in video production related to legal services
- Approved mediator for the U.S. District Court of Texas, Western Division

Greg enjoys teaching alternative dispute resolution and is a popular speaker and author because of his personable, understandable approach. Among other engagements, he has served as an:

- Adjunct Professor at Southwest Texas University in its American Bar Association-accredited graduate program
- Guest lecturer at Baylor University School of Law, “Successfully Mediating Your Employment Law Case”
- Speaker at State Bar of Texas CLE Seminar, “Ethical Issues for Advocates in Mediation”
- Speaker at Labor and Employment Law Section, State Bar of Texas CLE Seminar, “More Effective Advocacy in Mediation”
- Speaker at College of the State Bar of Texas CLE Seminar, “Strategies for Dealing with Difficult Emotions in Mediation”
- Speaker at Annual Conference of the State Bar of Texas CLE Seminar, “25 Ways to Torpedo Your Mediation”
- Speaker at Travis County Bar Association CLE Seminar, “25 Ways to Torpedo Your Mediation”
- Speaker at St. Edward’s University Business Associates Seminar, “Reducing the Cost of Conflict”
- Panelist on the Texas Association of Mediators CLE Seminar, “Mediation of Employment Disputes from Both Sides of the Table”
- Author of the article “Alternative Dispute Resolution with State Agencies,” published in the *Austin Business Journal*
- Chairman and moderator of the alternative dispute resolution program for the Travis County Bench/Bar Conference, “Expanding the Use of and Examining the Ethical Issues in ADR”

Prior to co-founding The Lakeside Mediation Center, Greg was as a lawyer in the commercial, healthcare and employment litigation sections of Small Craig and Werkenthin, P.C. in Austin and in his own law firm. Greg earned an “AV” rating from *Martindale-Hubbell*.

Greg is a graduate of Baylor University School of Law and St. Edward’s University, *Honors Program*.