

Leigh Ann Roberts



Attorney Leigh Ann Roberts was raised in Jackson, Mississippi and attended undergraduate and law school at the University of Mississippi. Leigh Ann has been a civil mediator for over 13 years and is listed as a Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 31 Civil Mediator. Leigh Ann has mediation, arbitration, facilitation, training, coaching and conflict resolution skills and experience for a wide spectrum of parties and disputes. In addition to being the Adjunct Professor of Alternative Dispute Resolution, Mediation and Negotiation at Belmont University's Massey Graduate School of Business and the Belmont University College of Law, Leigh Ann is a frequent lecturer and trainer on topics such as ethics, conflict resolution, mentoring, leadership, mediation, negotiation, group dynamics and facilitation, diversity, harassment/employment law issues and other topics related to law, communication and organizational development.

Leigh Ann is a founding member of the Brentwood law firm of Papa & Roberts, PLLC and has represented many businesses, corporations, both for and nonprofit, in Tennessee. She has years of experience in litigation as well as complex negotiations in both the public and private sectors. Leigh Ann has been owner and founding member of several businesses and was a Tennessee Assistant Attorney General in the Consumer Protection Division where she represented the State of Tennessee in federal and multi-state consumer protection litigation, and regulated Tennessee nonprofits. Having litigated, negotiated and mediated many different types of claims and cases including complex commercial disputes, employment and labor disputes, organizational mergers and dissolutions, construction defect cases, personal injury cases, franchise disputes, and large multi-party disputes such as workplace disputes, homeowners' association disputes, school board conflicts and nonprofit merger and organization conflicts, Leigh Ann is an experienced resource for attorneys, disputants and organizations in Tennessee and the southeast region. Leigh Ann also serves as a coach and consultant to many professionals and executives in Tennessee on topics related to conflict, leadership, management, communications and more.

Licensed in both Mississippi and Tennessee, Leigh Ann is a member of the Association for Conflict Resolution, Past President of the Tennessee Association for Professional Mediators, Past Chair of the Nashville Bar Association's Alternative Dispute Resolution Section, graduate of the TBA Leadership Law Program and is a mediator and arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association; the Tennessee, Mississippi and National Academies of Mediators, Arbitrators and Distinguished Neutrals; the Better Business Bureau; the Tennessee Human Rights Commission; the Nashville Metro Human Relations Commission; Construction Dispute Resolution Services, Inc.; and, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. Leigh Ann is a member of the Lawyers Association for Women, the Brentwood Cool Springs Chamber of Commerce and the American, Tennessee and Nashville Bar Associations. Leigh Ann chaired the Tennessee Supreme Court's Access to Justice Pro Bono Alternative Dispute Resolution Education Committee and has served on the Tennessee Attorney General's Ethics Commission.