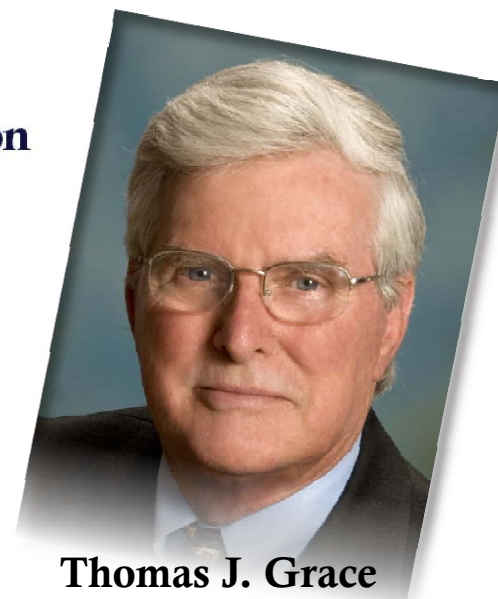


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Practice

A full time mediator, Tom Grace has mediated almost 2,000 cases since beginning his mediation career in 1993. For seven years he was corporate counsel and a director for a publicly traded company, where he had primary responsibility for all of the company's contracts, franchise agreements, leases, insurance claims, and commercial disputes. After twenty years as a trial attorney, specializing in admiralty and maritime law and personal injury (doing both plaintiff and defense work) and four years as Magistrate Judge in Harahan, he entered mediation with training by AAA and advanced training with MAPS. His mediations have primarily involved complex, multi-party commercial disputes, maritime and oilfield litigation, personal injury matters, and insurance disputes. He is admitted to practice in all Louisiana State Courts, the United States Supreme Court, the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and all Federal District Courts in Louisiana.

Education

B.B.A., (International Economics) Loyola University, 1963.
J.D., Loyola Law School, 1972, *cum laude* (First in Class); Editor of the law review; numerous academic achievement awards including the law school's highest award, the Phi Delta Delta Award "for good scholarship and service to the law school."
AAA Mediator Training 1993; MAPS Advanced Mediator Training 1994 through 2007.

Memberships/Affiliations

Founder and board member of the LADC Trial Academy; Past president and a director of A Child's Wish, a volunteer organization that grants wishes to terminally ill children; Teaches mediation at Loyola Law School and lectures widely on ADR and legal ethics; Emeritus member of the Loyola Law School Visiting Committee; Member: Louisiana Bar Association; LSBA Section on Corporation and Business Law; LSBA Council on Alternative Dispute Resolution.; Board of Directors of Volunteers of America of Greater New Orleans.

Representative Matters

Negotiation and settlement of a complex, multi-party franchise dispute, resolved through the purchase by the franchisor of several franchised restaurants; the successful mediation of a multi-party maritime claim involving an offshore drilling catastrophe with complex factual, legal, contractual, and insurance issues; the successful mediation of claims involving 40 parties and multiple personal injury claimants; the mediation, over a period of six weeks, of a multi-million dollar settlement of an extremely complex and very public commercial litigation matter involving a hospital; successful mediation of a Katrina Insurance claim involving a 350 unit apartment complex, resulting in settlement for \$7.5 million dollars; and numerous mediations involving family businesses that resolved the disputes and helped to heal the family relationships.