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Mr. Burns is a partner in the Baton Rouge law firm of Perry, Balhoff, Mengis & Burns, LLC. Since 1991, his law practice has focused on civil trial work, primarily in the area of personal injury litigation. In recent years, he has developed a significant mediation practice, having served as mediator in over 3,000 matters. Mr. Burns' mediation practice has involved a wide range of disputes. While much of his mediation practice has involved general tort claims, he has also handled numerous construction disputes, toxic tort actions, medical malpractice claims, commercial disputes, contractual indemnity issues and insurance coverage disputes. Mr. Burns has also served as an arbitrator and has issued binding opinions in commercial disputes, tort actions and insurance coverage litigation.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Experience

- Served as mediator in more than 3,000 matters
- Court-appointed and private arbitrator
- Umpire in insurance coverage litigation
- Harvard Negotiation Institute Program on Mediation, September 2009

Professional Licenses

Admitted to Bar: Louisiana, 1991; U.S. District Court: Eastern, Middle, and Western Districts of Louisiana; U.S. District Court, District of Colorado; U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit

Memberships, Honors, Professional Associations

Secretary/Treasurer of Louisiana State Bar Association Section on Alternative Dispute Resolution, 2012-2013; Section Council Member, 2010-present • American College of Civil Trial Mediators®, Fellow since 2010 • Baton Rouge Bar Association, President 2015; President-Elect 2014; Treasurer 2013; Board of Directors, Elected 2005 - 2012 • Louisiana State Bar Association House of Delegates, Elected 2004 (served two terms) • American Bar Association • Leadership LSBA, Louisiana State Bar Association, 2003 Class • Court-appointed Arbitrator, 1998-present • Past-President, River City Kiwanis Club, 1997 • Brothers of the Sacred Heart of New Orleans Alumni Association, Board of Directors, 1996-2000 • Baton Rouge Bar Association Young Lawyers Section Council Member, 1996-1998 • AV rating from Martindale-Hubbell for legal ability and adherence to professional standards of ethics

Education

Louisiana State University (BA – 1988; JD – 1991)

Papers and Presentations

- Baton Rouge Bar Association Young Lawyers' Section, Sizzlin' Summer CLE, July 17, 2015 – “Three Rules to Slash the Gordian Knot”
- Louisiana State Bar Association and Louisiana Judicial College, Joint Summer School, June 5, 2012 – “The Mediation Tennis Match: Do I Charge the Net or Do I Volley?”
- Louisiana Judicial College, February 21, 2009 – “The Days of Wine and Roses: Paradise Lost or Good Riddance?”
- Baton Rouge Bar Association, CLE by the Hour, December 20, 2007 – “Mediation Techniques: Why Honesty is Always the Best Policy”
- Louisiana State Bar Association 4th Annual “Practicing Law – The Early Years” Seminar, March 23, 2007 – “Preparing for Trial: From Pretrial to Closing Arguments”
- Louisiana State Bar Association, 2004 – “Trying the Case: from Client Interview to Closing Argument”
- Speaker and 2003 Co-chair of LSBA Annual Seminar, “Practicing Law – The Early Years”
- Baton Rouge Bar Association, CLE By The Hour, “Trying the Personal Injury Case: Plaintiff and Defense Perspectives”

Client Matters

- In re Judge William A. Morvant, 2009-0-0747, (La. 6/26/09)
- Louisiana Patients' Compensation Fund Oversight Bd. v. St. Paul Fire & Marine Ins. Co., 411 F.3d 585 (5th Cir. (La.), Jun 10, 2005) (NO. 04-30591)
- Griffin v. Louisiana Patient's Compensation Fund Oversight Bd., 907 So.2d 90, 2004-0613 (La.App. 1 Cir. 3/24/05) (La.App. 1 Cir., Mar 24, 2005) (NO. 2004 CA 0613, 2004 CA 0614)
- Jewell v. Haire, 887 So.2d 490, 2003-1825 (La.App. 1 Cir. 9/17/04) (La.App. 1 Cir., Sep 17, 2004) (NO. 2003 CA 1825)
- Ibrahim v. Hawkins, 845 So.2d 471, 2002-0350 (La.App. 1 Cir. 2/14/03) (La.App. 1 Cir., Feb 14, 2003) (NO. 2002 CA 0350)
- Boland v. Kleinpeter, 820 So.2d 489, 2001-3287 (La. 6/21/02) (La., Jun 21, 2002) (NO. 2001-C-3287)
- Vincinelli v. Musso, 818 So.2d 163, 2001-0557 (La.App. 1 Cir.2/27/02) (La.App. 1 Cir., Feb 27, 2002) (NO. 2001 CA 0557)
- Hamilton v. AAI Ventures, L.L.C., 768 So.2d 298, 1999-1849 (La.App. 1 Cir., Sep 22, 2000) (NO. 99 CA 1849)