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I began mediating in 2007. After 25 years of practicing law as a litigation attorney in Oregon and Washington courts, representing plaintiffs and defendants, I established Amato Mediation and transitioned to exclusively neutral work in 2017. I work with civil litigants and their attorneys at any stage of litigation. I have resolved hundreds of disputes including civil rights, employment, tort, professional negligence, business, real estate, estate and guardianship/conservatorship, First Nations, and complex workplace disputes.

I emphasize transparency, thoughtful evaluation, and curiosity, and I hold the conviction that parties are entitled to a process that respects different viewpoints and goals recognizes that a path forward involves difficult decisions and compromises, and values the parties' intelligence and experience. I am forever a student, curious about mediation, negotiation, decision making, and human characteristics. Time-to-time I teach and write about mediation and negotiation strategies.

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Bar Admissions - Current:

OSB 920253
US District Court for the District of Oregon

Education:

1998-1991 J.D., Willamette University College of Law
1989 University of Notre Dame Law School, Summer Law Program, London, U.K.
1983-1988 B.S., University of Portland; Studied in Salzburg, Austria 1985-1986

Professional Background:

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| 2017-Present | AMATO MEDIATION , <i>Owner</i> | Portland |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mediator + Dispute Resolution Consultant | |
| 2009-2016 | WYSE KADISH LLP , <i>Partner, Trial Attorney + Mediator</i> | Portland |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Law Practice: Employment litigation and advice, primarily defense work; business torts and contracts litigation; real property matters.• Mediation Practice: Specific emphasis on litigated cases including employment, civil rights, contract disputes, business disputes, probate and estate, and professional negligence. | |
| 2000 – 2009 | LAW OFFICE OF LISA AMATO , <i>Trial Attorney, Mediator</i> | Portland |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Law Practice: Plaintiff and defense employment litigation; employer advice and consultation.• Mediation Practice: Specific emphasis on employment, civil rights, and small and family business matters, partnerships/ownership | |

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| 1998 – 2000 | BITTNER & HAHS, PC , <i>Trial Attorney</i> | Portland |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Litigation emphasis on private employment matters, business and commercial disputes, real estate disputes, and general contract matters | |
| 1994 – 1998 | SMITH, FJELSTAD & AMATO , <i>Partner, Trial Attorney</i> | Gresham |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plaintiff employment litigation and personal injury practice• Advised small employers on employment law compliance | |
| 1992 – 1994 | LACHENMEIER, ENLOE & RALL , <i>Associate, Trial Attorney</i> | Portland |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Insurance defense litigation | |

Professional Community Involvement – Highlights

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| 2018-2019 | Editor, Oregon State Bar ADR in Oregon |
| 2015-present | International Academy of Mediators: Mentorship program |
| 2007-present | Oregon Mediation Association: Board of Directors (2009), Vice President (2010), various committee commitments including Standards and Practices Committee (Chair 2017-2019) |

Articles and Presentations Relevant to Mediation and Negotiation – Current Highlights

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| Spring 2019 | For the District of Oregon, Oregon Chapter of the Federal Bar Association <i>Settlement Negotiations: A Mediator's Insights Cross-Cultural Issues in Negotiation</i> |
| November 2018 | Oregon Mediation Association 2018 Conference <i>GPS for Smooth Sailing</i> |
| June 2018 | OADC Conference <i>The Future of ADR</i> |
| June 2018 | MBA CLE <i>Professionalism and Other Current Topics in Mediation</i> |

Community Interests and Involvement – Current Highlights

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| 2018-present | Neighborhood Emergency Team: citywide disaster preparation team |
| 2016-present | Columbia Land Trust: Board Member (2017-present); committee involvement |
| 2016-present | Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts (COLT): pro bono legal services |