



## Thomas V. Harris

## Mediator

### Expertise Areas:

- Serious Injury & Wrongful Death
- Construction Defects & Injuries
- Medical & Professional Negligence
- Products Liability, Mass Torts
- Insurance Coverage & Bad Faith

### WAMS Mediator Certification: 2006

**Accomplishments:** During Mr. Harris' 30+ years as a trial lawyer, he represented plaintiffs and defendants in many types of cases. He began his law practice at Merrick Hofstedt & Lindsey in 1973, serving as trial counsel for major corporations, physicians, hospitals, law firms, insurers and other entities throughout the Pacific Northwest. Tom Harris co-founded the Perey-Harris firm in 2004 and represented plaintiffs in medical malpractice, products liability and other serious personal injury and insurance matters. He tried and managed cases throughout Washington and in the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Washington. He has argued before the Washington Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals and the Ninth Circuit and has served as Special Disciplinary Counsel for the WSBA.

Mr. Harris authored the 60-chapter textbook *Washington Insurance Law* and has continued to update it on a regular basis. He is listed in *Best Lawyers in America* and was voted one of the Top Ten Lawyers in Washington in a *WA Law & Politics* peer poll. Tom Harris began serving as a neutral in 2001, when he mediated the 6-death Anacortes refinery fire, followed by the Olympic Pipeline explosion. In 2007, he completed the transition from his role as litigator and part-time neutral to full-time mediator and arbitrator at WAMS. Since then, he has been appointed as mediator, arbitrator, appraiser, private judge or Special Master in many different types of disputes, including construction defect and products liability cases, class actions, business/contractual claims, intellectual property disputes, auto/UIM and premises liability claims. He is certified to serve as a Rule 39.1 mediator for federal court cases.

**Education:** Basic Mediator Training (Alan Alhadeff, 2006); Cornell Law School, JD, 1973; Harvard College, BA, *cum laude*, 1970.

**Affiliations:** Washington Arbitration & Mediation Service; WSBA; Federal Bar Association; Washington Association of Justice; Washington Defense Trial Lawyers; American College of Trial Lawyers, American Board of Trial Advocates, International Society of Barristers.