



Sharon J. Bitcon

MEDIATOR

WAMS Mediator Certification: 2017

Expertise Areas:

- Catastrophic Injury & Wrongful Death
- Auto Accidents
- UM/UIM Mediation
- Premises Liability
- Tort Litigation & General Negligence

Accomplishments:

Prior to joining WAMS as a full-time mediator, Shari Bitcon dedicated the latter part of her legal career to defending tort claims, focusing on premises liability and automobile bodily injury matters. As Managing Attorney for The Hartford in both Washington and Oregon, Ms. Bitcon arbitrated or tried to verdict hundreds of cases throughout the Pacific Northwest while simultaneously fulfilling her management responsibilities. Prior to her 20 years with The Hartford, she served as Vice President and General Counsel of a publically traded, Seattle-based retail chain.

Education:

- Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine Law School, "Mediating the Litigated Case," 2017
- Alhadeff and Forbes Mediator Training, 2009
- University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law (with distinction), J.D., 1988
- University of California, Los Angeles, B.A., 1985

Affiliations:

- Washington Arbitration & Mediation Service • Washington State Bar Association
- Oregon State Bar • Seattle Children's Theater (Board of Trustees, Member)