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Education:

- ◆ JD from Wayne State University Law School, Detroit, MI (1990)
- ◆ BA from Albion College, Albion, MI (1982)

Training:

Arbitrator
Coach
Consultant
Facilitator
Mediator
Trainer

- ◆ Dispute Resolution Clearinghouse and Settlement Center, Conflict Resolution and Mediation Training
- ◆ Mediation Training and Consultation Institute, Divorce Mediation Training
- ◆ Center for Social Gerontology, Adult Guardianship Mediation Training
- ◆ State Court Administrative Office, Special Education Mediation Training
- ◆ United States Postal Service, Transformative Mediation Training
- ◆ FINRA (formerly NASD and NYSE), Arbitration Panelist and Chairperson Training
- ◆ Resolution Center, Restorative Justice/Victim-Offender Mediation Training
- ◆ MI Dept. of Rehabilitation Services, Mediation and Impartial Hearing Officer Training
- ◆ Dispute Resolution Center, Parent/Teen Mediation Training
- ◆ Dispute Resolution Association of MI, Public Policy Facilitation Training
- ◆ Collaborative Law Institute of Michigan, Collaborative Practice Training
- ◆ Conflict Coaching Matters, LLC, Conflict Coaching Training
- ◆ Essential Conversations Project - Facilitator's Training

Experience:

Agency
Business
Commercial
Community
Contract
Divorce
Education
Employment
Family
Insurance
Probate
Property
Real Estate
Statutory
Trusts
Wills

- ◆ In addition to being an attorney, Ms. Johannessen comes to mediation with significant experience in business management and human resources development and administration. She has successfully mediated disputes involving issues of contract; guardianship and conservatorship; government; employment; workplace behavior and professional conduct; insurance coverage; commercial relationships; agency; separation, divorce, and other dissolutions of relationships; access to property; property valuation; environmental responsibility; and probate.
- ◆ Ms. Johannessen is a qualified mediator under applicable provisions of MCR 2.411 and MCR 3.216. She serves as an Arbitrator for the FINRA (formerly NASD and NYSE). She serves as a mediator for the United States Postal Service (U.S.P.S.), the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), and for the Michigan Department of Career Development – Rehabilitation Services (MRS). Additionally, she is in private practice as an Appropriate Dispute Resolution (ADR) provider, conflict management consultant, and trainer. She is an adjunct instructor at Wayne State University and was an adjunct instructor at University of Detroit-Mercy School of Law.

- ◆ Ms. Johannessen is a Michigan State Court Administrative Office approved trainer of the MCR 2.411 40-hour General Civil Mediation Training. She has also trained court, police and school personnel, business professionals, and community members in communication skills, conflict resolution skills and mediation technique.

Awards and Affiliations:

- ◆ 2009 Recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the SBM ADR Section
- ◆ 2010 Recipient of Recognition by the Family Mediation Council – Michigan
- ◆ 2012 Recipient of the Pioneer Award from the SE Michigan Chapter of ACR
- ◆ Listed in Michigan Super Lawyers, Best Lawyers, and Top Lawyers for ADR.
- ◆ State Bars of Michigan (active) and California (inactive)
- ◆ Michigan State Bar Sections: Alternative Dispute Resolution (Past-Chair); Family Law; Labor & Employment Law; and Probate & Estate Planning
- ◆ Oakland County Bar Association: Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee (Past Chair); and Family Court Committee
- ◆ Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR – formerly AFM and SPIDR); Family Mediation Council - Michigan (formerly MCFDM – past Board Member); Collaborative Practice Institute of Michigan (CPIM) and International Association of Collaborative Professionals (IACP).