

FRED A. HICKS

MEDIATION & ARBITRATION SERVICES

EDUCATION

Mr. Hicks earned an undergraduate degree (B.A.) from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1965 and a law degree (J.D.) from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Law School in 1968, where he served as a member of THE BENCH for The Holderness Moot Court Competition. He was admitted to the North Carolina State Bar in 1968; Certified Family Law Arbitrator, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers since 2000.

EXPERIENCE

Specializing in Family/Matrimonial Law, Mr. Hicks' extensive and distinguished career includes professional experience as an attorney and judge, including:

- Law Clerk to Honorable James B. McMillan, Judge, U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina, 1968-1970
- Judge, District Court of North Carolina, Twenty-Sixth Judicial District, 1975-1976
- Attorney/Partner in eight local, national and international law firms, 1977-2012

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- North Carolina State Bar, 1968-present
 - Family Law Specialization Committee 1994-1997
- North Carolina Bar Association, 1977-present:
 - Family Law Section Council, 1983-1986; 2011-present
 - Family Law Curriculum Committee, 1987-present, Chairman 1992-1994
 - Family Law CLE Committee, 1993-1994
 - Family Law Long Range Planning Committee, 1991, Chairman 1991
- Mecklenburg County Bar Association, 1968-present.
- Fellow, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, March 1990-present
- First President of N.C. Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, 1994
- Member, U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina, 1968-present
- Member, U.S. District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina, 1979-present
- Member, Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, Richmond, Virginia, 1987-present
- Former Member, U.S. Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America In Family Law* since 1991
- Recipient of North Carolina Bar Association Distinguished Service Award, April 1995
- Listed in North Carolina Super Lawyers since 2007
- Listed in *Business North Carolina Magazine's* Legal Elite since 2008
- *Best Lawyers' 2012* Lawyer of the Year for Family Law in Mecklenburg County, N.C.

INSTRUCTOR/SPEAKER/LECTURER

Due to his vast experience, distinguished career and knowledge in the areas of family and matrimonial law, Mr. Hicks is a frequently requested guest instructor, speaker and lecturer

- Instructor of Business Law, UNC Charlotte, 1976
- U. S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of North Carolina, CLE Bankruptcy (Speaker), 1979, "Changes in Chapter XIII Exemptions", Charlotte, North Carolina
- North Carolina Bar Foundation CLE Family Law (Speaker), 1985, "Equitable Distribution Distributive Awards", Greensboro, North Carolina
- North Carolina Bar Foundation CLE Family Law (Panel Member), 1986, "Evaluating Closely-Held Businesses", Pinehurst, North Carolina
- North Carolina Bar Foundation CLE Family Law (Speaker), 1987, "System Approach for Domestic Practice", Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina
- North Carolina Bar Foundation CLE Family Law (Co-Course Planner), 1988, Family Law Workshop, "Tax Related Domestic Problems", Kiawah Island, South Carolina
- South Carolina Bar Family Law Section Seminar (Speaker), 1991, "Forensic Discovery", Columbia, South Carolina
- Wake Forest Advanced Family Law Course, "Is It Alimony?", 1991, 1992, 1993
- North Carolina Bar Foundation CLE Family Law (Speaker), 1993, "Fee Arrangements", Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina
- North Carolina Bar Foundation CLE Family Law (Speaker), 1993, 1994 and 1997, Intensive Seminar, Advanced Problems in Equitable Distribution, "Death as an Intervener in Equitable Distribution Cases", Charlotte and Durham, North Carolina
- North Carolina Bar Foundation CLE Family Law (Speaker), 1995, Advanced Equitable Distribution Protecting Business Interests, "Division or Reorganization of Ownership Interests in the Context of Equitable Distribution", Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina
- North Carolina Bar Foundation CLE Family Law (Speaker), 1995 and 1996, Intensive Alimony Seminar, "Trial Preparation", Durham and Charlotte, North Carolina
- North Carolina Bar Foundation CLE Family Law (Speaker), 2000, Intensive Seminar, "Law Practice Management in the 21st Century: Centralizing Data", Cary, North Carolina
- American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (Speaker), 2002, "Management of a Family Law Practice", Chicago, Illinois
- North Carolina Bar Foundation CLE Family Law (Speaker), 2003, Intensive Seminar, "Tax Consequences, Perils and Pitfalls in the Equitable Distribution of Closely-Held Businesses", Charlotte, North Carolina
- North Carolina Bar Foundation CLE Family Law (Co-Course Planner), 2009, "Deal or No Deal? Attacking/Enforcing Agreements, Orders and Awards", Asheville, North Carolina
- Instructor of Family Law, Charlotte School of Law, Spring Semester 2010