

ROBERT C. PRATHER, SR.

PYNE & PRATHER, PC
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TX Bar #: 16235000

1. EMPLOYMENT

- 08/81- Private civil practice, currently with Pyne & Prather, PC, Shareholder: general, commercial practice, real estate, probate, corporate law, civil litigation (Pl. & Def.) and ADR
- 1971-81 Assistant District Attorney—Dallas County; Assistant U. S. Attorney; and U. S. Department of Justice (Dallas) Economic Crime Enforcement Specialist. Task Force investigation/trial of conspiracy/fraud/theft of loans, student financial aid funds by schools, administrators, lenders.
- 1971 Staff Attorney to Sen. William T. Moore & Deputy Comm. Clerk Texas Senate State Affairs Committee
- 1970 American Petroleum Institute, Washington, D.C., Summer Clerk

2. TRIALS: 125+ Jury Trials

1. Has tried and assisted in the appeal of matters involving commercial and consumer issues, lender liability, Deceptive Trade Practices Act, letters of credit, disposition of collateral, business organizations, fraud, crimes, real estate and probate.

2. Has litigated other commercial matters, such as employer/employee relations for employees (not union) or management, non-competes, trade secrets, contracts, agent/employment/distributor type contracts, mortgage brokerage commissions, real estate sales contracts, condominiums, partnership dissolutions, corporate derivative suits, telecommunications contracts, residential construction and foundation defects, consumer claims, personal injury, condemnation and paving tax assessments, civil rights, probate and foreign manufacturers' U.S. contracts and financing.

3. 1976 **Special Achievement Award, U. S. Department of Justice** re Task Force and white collar fraud prosecutions.

3. ADR TRAINING (600+ hrs. in arbitration, mediation, collaborative law, sum. Jury Tr.) ADR EXPERIENCE (Conducted 250+ Mediations; 90+ Arbitrations; 40+ Hear Exams):

Has arbitrated and mediated matters involving real estate valuations, brokers, residential construction, consumer transactions, partnerships, business organizations, distributorship, franchises, trade secrets, non-competition, fraud, commercial transactions, gas pipeline partnerships, energy, securities, **insurance companies and their agents and contracts, healthcare, health insurance, health entities, employment relationships**, tax/condemnation, and probate since since 1988.

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Chairman on numerous AAA Panels, including up to \$ 10,000,000+ claim cases.

- a. 1985 DBA Judiciary Subcom. review ADR for Dallas Co. Commissioners
- b. 1988- Dallas County Settlement Week, approx. 4 to 6 cases/yr. re: partnerships, dissolutions, personal injury and contracts
- c. 1989 - Represented parties in mediations, arbitrations and grievance procedure involving contracts, tax/condemnation, lender liability, real estate contracts, broker, telecommunications, employee relations and agreements, insurance, **healthcare**, energy, consumer and probate
- d. 1991 - Volunteer with Dallas Mediation Services (40+ cases)
- e. 1991 - **AAA** Arbitration Panel; Seminars Faculty
- f. 1992 - Dallas District and County Court referrals
- g. 2000 - Collin County court referrals, Courthouse Mediator Volunteer
- h. 1992 - Association of Attorney-Mediators: **AAM Certified**;
2003 Pres., N. Tx. Chapter
- i. 1996-2006 Texas Education Agency Certified Independent Hearing Examiner
2008-
j. 2000- Hearing Examiner Panel - U.Tx. School Law Conf.
- k. 2000 - Arbitration/Mediation Lecture - S.M.U. Masters Class
- l. 2004 - Texas Mediator Credentialing Association: **Credentialed Advanced**
- m. 2006- Collaborative Law
2008 Chair, Dallas Bar Association Collaborative Law Section
2008- Global Collaborative Council Board
- n. 2006 AAA Home Construction Arbitration and Mediation Rules Advisory Comm.

4. **Co-Author: Texas ADR Practice Guide** (1995 West Group, annual Suppl.)

5. **ADJUNCT PROFESSOR.** 1992-Present

6.. **ASSOCIATION**

State Bar of Texas

2011 ADR Section Council

2012 ADR Section Council Secretary

American Bar Association -2010

Dallas Bar Association:

Judiciary (Ch. 1993, 1994) & Courthouse, ADR Committee

Outstanding Committee Chair 1995

Federal Judiciary Liaison Committee 1992-94;

ADR, Collaborative Law (Ch. 2008) Sections

Collin County Bar Association: ADR Section

College of the State Bar of Texas, 1986-

Association of Attorney-Mediators: 2003 Pres., N. Tx. Chapter

Association for Conflict Resolution (f/k/a SPIDR, 1991- 2005)

Texas Association of Mediators

Global Collaborative Law Council - 2005 Advisory Board; 2009 Director

Children's Cancer Fund-Dallas 1982-91 (General Counsel & founding Director)
Rotary Club of Dallas 1971- (Director, Officer, Trustee), Paul Harris Fellow

7. **EDUCATION**

1967 Univ. of Texas at Austin - B.Sc. with Business minor

1968 Univ. of Tasmania, Australia Law School (Rotary International Fellow)

1970 Univ. of Texas Law School - J.D.

8. **ADMITTED TO PRACTICE**

1971 Texas Supreme Court

1978 United States Supreme Court & North. Dist. Texas

1981 United States Court of Appeals, Fifth & Eleventh Circuit

1990 United States District Court, Eastern District of Texas

9. Martindale-Hubbell: AV

10. Dallas County Grand Jury: Foreman 2008, 2010