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Tom is certified by the American Arbitration Association and the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. A mediator since 1982, he began his mediation career while still a first-year law student when he was selected by the Cleveland City Prosecutor's Office to take part in a pilot program for the mediation of court-assigned disputes. As part of that program, Tom was provided with 40-hours of advanced training in mediation skills and successfully mediated hundreds of assigned conflicts before being selected to serve as a Law Clerk to a Circuit Court Judge on the United States Court of Appeals.

Following his service in the Federal Courts, Tom began a career as a Business Attorney and Litigator in the New York City office of Kaye Scholer, LLP, a world-renowned international law firm. Tom was an attorney in that Firm's Litigation/Antitrust Department until he returned to Northeast Pennsylvania in the 1990s where he helped form Smithford Business Lawyers, a regional business law firm serving small and family-owned businesses throughout the region from their offices in Wilkes-Barre and Stroudsburg.

As an attorney in private practice in New York City and Pennsylvania, Tom continued to be involved in the Mediation of corporate and business disputes. In 2013, Tom founded PA RESOLVE Mediation Services and shifted his focus to primarily providing service as a neutral mediator. While he is able to provide mediation services outside his area, and will do so in the appropriate circumstances, his primary service areas are the counties of Northeast Pennsylvania, North New Jersey, and the Southern Tier of New York.

In addition to his legal and mediation career, Tom has been involved as a manager or owner of several diverse businesses, including a Poconos resort, a newspaper, a restaurant, and currently operates a Bed and Breakfast.

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