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Mr. McDowell is a full-time arbitrator and mediator based in Pittsburgh, with over thirty years of experience in complex litigation and alternative dispute resolution.

He is a member of the ACBA Construction Law Section. He has served as an arbitrator deciding over two hundred cases including tort and contract cases, in addition to three construction disputes, six consumer cases and over fifty labor arbitration awards. Has also served as counsel in over twenty labor arbitration cases, several construction arbitrations, and an energy-related arbitration concerning improvements to a power plant. He was lead in house counsel in federal court litigation concerning construction of a electric power plant which led to a \$47 M settlement.

Mr. McDowell currently serves on numerous commercial, labor and employment arbitration panels, including the American Arbitration Association, CPR Employment and Pittsburgh Panels of Distinguished Neutrals; Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, Pennsylvania Bureau of Mediation, the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Ohio State Employment Relations Board, New Jersey State Board of Mediation, the New York State Employment Relations Board, the New York Stock Exchange, and the National Association of Securities Dealers, among others. He is a member of the permanent panel of the United Mine Workers District 2 and the Bituminous Coal Operators Association, and the Expedited Arbitration Panel of the United States Postal Service and the American Postal Workers Union.

He has published arbitration opinions in Labor Arbitration Awards (CCH), Labor Relations Reporter (BNA) and the Labor Arbitration Information System

(LRPPublications). He has contributed articles to The Pennsylvania Lawyer and The Pittsburgh Legal Journal and Today's Lawyer on ethics, labor, employment, and pension law.

Mr. McDowell serves as a contract mediator for the EEOC, and has been selected to serve on the panels of mediators for the Circuit Courts of West Virginia, the US District Courts for the Middle and Western Districts of Pennsylvania, the US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, the US Bankruptcy Courts for the Western District of Pennsylvania and the District of Delaware, the CPR Employment and Pittsburgh Panels of Distinguished Neutrals, FINRA (formerly the New York Stock Exchange and the National Association of Securities Dealers), and the American Arbitration Association.

He has been appointed by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Joint State Government Commission to the Commission's Advisory Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution. He has completed two Advanced Mediation Training Workshops at Harvard Law School, and completed Mediating the Litigated Case Training at Pepperdine University School of Law.

He received his B.S. in Business Administration from the University of Dayton and his J.D. from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, where he received Moot Court Honors.

After graduation from law school, Mr. McDowell was employed by the Department of Justice, and later entered private practice in Pittsburgh with Hirsch, Weise & Tillman and with Plowman & Spiegel. He then joined the legal department of Dravo Corporation, and was subsequently employed by Allegheny Energy, Inc., where he served as Director of Human Resources and Deputy General Counsel.

Fees are charged \$250 per hour for hearings, travel and study time. Non refundable fee of \$2000 for each scheduled hearing day due 15 calendar days prior to scheduled hearing day.