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PRIMARY PRACTICE AREAS:

Business, Commercial, Contracts, Construction, Engineering, Environment, Banking/Finance, Debtor/Creditor, Intellectual Property, Labor/Employment, Zoning/Land Use, Insurance, Bankruptcy, Energy, Partnerships, Minerals/Mining

EDUCATION:

Duquesne University School of Law, J.D., 1974

Katz Graduate School of Business, University of Pittsburgh, M.B.A., 1965

University of Dayton, B.S.B.A., 1964

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

Allegheny County Bar Association, Construction Law Section and Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee; Association for Conflict Resolution

Mr. Puhala is a principal of General Counsel Mediation, LLC.

With over three decades of experience as a business attorney, Mr. Puhala has negotiated thousands of contracts and resolved hundreds of disputes. He served for twelve years as Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of Dravo Corporation, and as a member of its executive management committee.

During his career with Dravo, a diversified NYSE company with operations in a number of commercial and industrial markets, Mr. Puhala was responsible for the conduct all of its legal affairs, including the prosecution and defense of construction claims, the buying and selling of businesses, the protection of a portfolio of patents, trademarks and trade secrets, the development and maintenance of a distributor network and the structuring of myriad financial arrangements.

He also managed litigation both for and against the Company, directing the activities of multiple outside counsel working on cases in federal and state courts throughout the country, as well as overseas, with combined values in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

Mr. Puhala completed dispute resolution training with the Duke University Private Adjudication Center, the Federal Bar Association, the Pennsylvania Bar Institute and the Pittsburgh Mediation Center.

He is co-author of "Facilitating Dispute Resolution through Mediation" Business Lawyer, published by the Corporate Counsel Section, NC Bar Assoc. (Vol.15, No. 1, October 2002) and "Resolving Disputes through Mediation", North American Quarry News (Vol.5, No. 11, November 2002)

Mr. Puhala's hourly rate to serve as an arbitrator is \$200.