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**Christopher M. Skelly** conducts mediations and arbitrations and serves as a special master and discovery master in civil cases. He also serves as an insurance appraisal umpire. Mr. Skelly was a judge on the Arizona Superior Court in Maricopa County from 1993 through 1999. He was the Associate Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in Maricopa County for four of those years, and the Presiding Judge of the Civil Department for two. He also served on civil, criminal and probate calendar assignments. He has conducted thousands of mediations in every kind of civil matter and thousands of civil court proceedings and arbitrations.

Mr. Skelly serves and has served on numerous committees of the courts, state and local bar associations. He chaired the Arizona Commission on Judicial Performance Review and served as the retired judge member of the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission. He is past president of the Arizona Judges Association; former chair of the Arizona State Bar Ethics Committee; former chair of the Arizona State Bar Civil Practice and Procedure Committee; former chair of the Arizona State Bar Civil Jury Instructions Committee; former member of the Arizona Commission on Judicial Conduct; former member of the Arizona State Bar Criminal Rules Committee; former member of the Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission; and former chair of an Arizona State Bar lawyer disciplinary hearing committee.

Mr. Skelly is listed in The Best Lawyers in America for Alternative Dispute Resolution (2011 Phoenix Area ADR Lawyer of the Year, 2012 and 2015 Phoenix Area Arbitration Lawyer of the Year, and 2014 Phoenix Area Mediation Lawyer of the Year), The Lawdragon 500 Leading Judges in America, The American Lawyer Top Lawyers, The Phoenix Magazine Top Lawyers, Arizona's Finest Lawyers, The Best of Arizona Business Attorneys, etc. In 2011, Mr. Skelly was confirmed as a charter member of the Arizona Chapter of the *National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals*. He is a member of various alternative dispute resolution organizations and has participated in hundreds of hours of mediation training as an instructor and a student.

Mr. Skelly practiced law for many years at Fennemore Craig, P.C. in Phoenix. He is an occasional judge pro tem at the Arizona Court of Appeals (Div. 1) and Superior Court in Maricopa County (civil, criminal and probate). He is "AV" rated as a lawyer by Martindale-Hubbell and is a fellow of the Arizona Bar Foundation. Mr. Skelly has taught business law at Phoenix College and has served as an adjunct professor at the Arizona State University College of Law. He has chaired and participated as an instructor in many continuing legal and judicial education training seminars and courses including those sponsored by various bar associations and the Arizona Judicial College.

Mr. Skelly received his B.S. degree in Business Administration from Northern Arizona University in 1980, and his J.D. degree from the University of Arizona in 1983.