



## Hon. David Kelton

### EXPERIENCE

#### ARBITRATOR\*MEDIATOR

January 1, 2007 - Present

- Arbitrator in disputes involving non-subscriber workers compensation, complex commercial litigation, personal injury, contract disputes, deceptive trade practice, consumer fraud and residential and commercial property defect cases.
- Mediator in hundreds of cases. Mediations of non-subscriber workers compensation, commercial and residential construction defect cases, dram shop cases, legal malpractice, personal injury, contract interpretation, collections, deceptive trade practice, fraud, employment disputes and intellectual property cases.
- Receiver for winding up of businesses.
- Umpire for insurance company/insured disputes.
- Special Discovery Master for State and County Courts. Guardian ad litem for minor plaintiffs. Attorney ad litem and guardian ad litem for seniors.

#### AV® PREEMINENT™ ATTORNEY PEER RATING - MARTINDALE- HUBBELL

#### JUDGE, 44<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT – DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS

June 1, 2002 – December 31, 2006

- Presided over hundreds of jury and non-jury trials with disputes involving mass torts, complex commercial litigation, medical malpractice, personal injury, intellectual property, contract interpretation, product liability, legal malpractice, deceptive trade practices, consumer fraud, employment discrimination and wrongful termination.
- Presided over scores of temporary restraining orders and temporary injunctions.
- Presiding Judge for the 1<sup>st</sup> Judicial Administrative Region of all Bridgestone/Ford Explorer product liability cases.

#### CIVIL DISTRICT COURT MASTER (ASSOCIATE JUDGE)

March 1, 1998 – May 31, 2002

- Presided over more than 4,000 discovery hearings concerning every phase of District Court litigation
- Co-Author of the current Civil District Court Associate Judge legislation for submission to the Texas legislature through its State House and Senate sponsors

## DAVID KELTON, ATTORNEY AT LAW, PC – SOLO PRACTICE

January 1, 1980 – February 28, 1998

- Private practice litigation attorney representing both plaintiffs and defendants in a variety of complex corporate disputes, products liability, deceptive trade practices, workers compensation and personal injury
- General civil office practice including wills and trusts, business formation, real-estate transactions
- Mediator in over 150+ mediations with a 90%+ settlement rate

## JOHNSON SHANKLIN BILLINGS KELTON & PORTER

May 1, 1975 – December 31, 1979

- Private practice litigation attorney primarily representing defendants in personal injury cases
- General civil office practice

## VIAL HAMILTON KOCH KNOX TUBB AND STRADLEY - ASSOCIATE

September 25, 1972 – April 30, 1975

- Private practice litigation attorney primarily representing defendants in personal injury cases

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## EDUCATION

### CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY DISPUTE RESOLUTION – UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF LAW – AUSTIN, TEXAS

November 2006

Certification as Mediator and Third Party Neutral pursuant to Chapter 154, Civil Practices and Remedies Code

### UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF LAW – AUSTIN, TEXAS

June 1969 – May 1972

- Juris Doctor

### UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO – BOULDER, COLORADO

September 1964 – May 1968

- Bachelor of Arts in English and History

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## MEMBERSHIPS

- American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) – Former Member
- William ‘Mac’ Taylor Inn of Court
- College of the State Bar of Texas
- Dallas Bar Association
- Texas Bar Association

- United States District Courts - Northern District of Texas
  - Kappa Sigma Fraternity (Delta Tau Chapter)
  - Texas Army National Guard (1968-1974)
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## COMMUNITY

- Founding Member – Dallas Young Lawyers Foundation
  - Downtown Dallas YMCA volunteer for 45 years: Voice of the Dallas YMCA Turkey Trot benefitting Y Community Service Programs
  - Dallas County Community College District - Former instructor
  - Dallas YMCA Board of Directors – Past Director
  - Richardson Theatre Centre Board of Directors – Past Director
  - Participating Judge - Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program
  - Participating Judge – Texas High School Mock Trial Program
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