



**Joseph J. “Tad” Halbach, Jr.
Senior District Judge (Retired)
Mediator / Arbitrator**

Judicial Service

Senior District Judge (Retired) (2017-Present)
Judge – 333rd Civil District Court (1995 – 2016)
Texas Statewide Silica MDL Judge (2009 – 2016)
Harris County Local Administrative Judge – Board of District Judges (2008-2011)
Member – Harris County Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee (2009-2011)
Harris County Civil Administrative Judge (2004-2005)
Board of Civil Judges (E-Filing / Paperless Technology Chair 2006-2008)
(Rules Chair 2001 – 2004) (Internal Proc. Chair 1996-2000)

Legal Practice

Mediation / Arbitration Practice (2017 – Present)
Mediated more than 1,800 matters.
Arbitrated more than 80 matters.
Solo Practitioner, *Law Offices of Joseph J. Halbach, Jr.* (1990-1995)
Founding Shareholder, *Wilshire, Scott, Halbach & Dyer* (1986-1990)
Associate, *Bonham, Carrington & Fox* (1982-1986);

Certifications and Training

Board Certified – Civil Trial Law; Texas Board of Legal Specialization
American Arbitration Association – Trained and Approved Arbitrator (2017-Present)
Credentialed Distinguished Mediator-Texas Mediator Credentialing Assoc. (2019-Present)
National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals (2022 – Present)
Texas Association of Mediators (2019-Present)
Association of Attorney-Mediators (2019 - Present)
Attorney-Mediators Institute, Inc. (Basic Training - May 7, 1993) (Advanced Training – November 19, 1994)

Teaching

Adjunct Law Professor – University of Houston Law Center (2009-2016)
Frequent CLE speaker and writer.

Law Licenses

State of Texas – 1982
United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas – 1983
United States Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit – 1982
United States Supreme Court – 1986

Education

University of Texas at Austin – B.A. (with honors) 1978
University of Texas at Austin – Graduate School of Business 1978-79
University of Texas at Austin – J.D. 1982 (Board of Advocates; Tex. Int'l L. Journal).

Professional Associations

Texas Bar Association - Member
Houston Bar Association - Member
College of the State Bar of Texas - Member
Pro Bono College – State Bar of Texas (1992-1995)
Houston Bar Association; Board Member (ex-officio) 1993-1994
Houston Bar Foundation – Fellow; Texas Bar Foundation – Fellow
Houston Lawyer Referral Service – Board Member (2019 – 2021)
Houston Volunteer Lawyer Service – Board member (2018)
Houston Young Lawyers Association; President 1993-1994
Houston Trial Lawyers Association.
Texas Association of Civil Trial and Appellate Specialists
Board Member (1999-present)
Member –Garland Walker Inn of Court (American Inns of Court)
Texas Association of Mediators (2019-Present)
Association of Attorney-Mediators (2019-Present)
National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals (2022 – Present)

Civic Service, Honors and Awards

2013 Judge of the Year – Texas Association of Civil Trial and Appellate Specialists
Houston Bar Association – Presidents Award – Harris County Pro Bono Awards
Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo; Volunteer and Lifetime Member (2009-present)
Good Steward Global Initiative – Volunteer (2014 – present)
Marywood Children & Family Services; Director (1993 –1999)
Aspiring Youth Foundation – Advisory Director (1995 – Present)
Leadership Houston – Class XII; Health & Human Services Committee (1994-1995); Chair –
Government Committee (1998-1999); Outside Director (1998 – 1999)
Five Outstanding Young Houstonian Finalist – 1994
Adult Leader, Boy Scouts of America, Sam Houston Area Council (1986-Present)
Eagle Scout Award – 1974; Order of the Arrow – Brotherhood Member 1973
Asst. Cubmaster (1998-2003) and Religious Awards Chair – Pack 505 (1998 – 2010)
Troop Committee Chair – Troop 505 (2001 – 2006)
Council Advancement Committee – Sam Houston Area Council (2011 – 2016)
Heroism Awards Screening Committee – Sam Houston Area Council (2011-2016)
Vice-Chair of Program – Golden Arrow District, Sam Houston Area Council (2002- 2007)
Silver Beaver Award (2005), St. George Award (2006), District Award of Merit (2004)

Personal

Active Member – St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
Married to Susan T. Halbach (Retired Assistant General Counsel at Kinder Morgan)
Two sons, ages 35 and 33 (both Eagle Scouts); two grandchildren.

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