



Curriculum Vitae of Alona M. Gottfried, Esq.

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Areas of Practice

Mediation, facilitation, collaborative divorce law, training, and law

Education

Arizona State University College of Law
Juris Doctorate, May, 1995 (Cum Laude)

Honors:

- Williard H. Pedrick Scholar
- Maricopa County Bar Association Outstanding Student Award
- Alan A. Matheson Service Award

Arizona State University

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, May, 1992 (Summa Cum Laude)

Honors:

- Phi Beta Kappa

Mediation Training

- Pepperdine University School of Law Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution Advanced Family Mediation Skills, June, 2006
- Pepperdine University School of Law Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution Advanced Mediation Training, June, 2005
- Merge Consultants
- Mediation & Dispute Resolution Training, November, 2002

Professional Affiliations and Volunteer Work

- Settlement Judge Pro Tem, Maricopa County Superior Court (2004 to present)
- International Academy of Collaborative Professionals (2004 to present)
- Collaborative Divorce Professionals of Arizona (2004 to present)
- Alternative dispute resolution, family and employment law sections of the State Bar of

Arizona

- Arizona Dispute Resolution Association, Executive Secretary and Board Member (2003 to 2004)
- Maricopa County Justice Court Mediator (2003 to 2004)
- Ronald McDonald House, Board of Directors (2000 to present)
- Child & Family Research & Development Program, President (1999 to 2001)
- Homeless Legal Assistance Project, Project Director, Executive Secretary, Board Member and/or volunteer (1994 to present)
- National Employment Lawyers Association, Member (1999 to 2003)
- Arizona Employment Lawyers Association, Member (1999 to 2003)
- Arizona Women Lawyers Association, Member (1995 to 2000)
- Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, Member (1990 to present)

Employment Affiliations

- Unlimited Resolutions Mediation, Inc., Mediator. 2006 to present.
- Owens & Perkins, P.C., Attorney. 2006 to present.
- Gillespie & Associates, P.C., Phoenix, AZ, Mediator and attorney. 1995 to 2006.
- Merge Consultants, Fountain Hills, AZ. Mediation instructor. 2003 to present.

Internships and Externships

- Civil Rights Division, Arizona Attorney General's Office, Phoenix, AZ. Intern. May to August, 1994.
- United States Department of the Interior, Field Solicitor's Office, Phoenix, AZ. Extern. June to July, 1993.
- Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Phoenix District Office, Phoenix, AZ. Intern. July to August, 1993.

Publications

- Alona M. Gottfried, Choosing Mediation over Employment Discrimination Lawsuits. The Caucus, September 2005.
- Alona M. Gottfried, From Litigation to Mediation . . . A Lawyer's Perspective, The Caucus, August 2005.
- Alona M. Gottfried, Attorneys Find Fulfillment as Volunteers at ASU's Homeless Legal Assistance Project, Maricopa Lawyer, December 1995.

Speaking Engagements

- March 15, 2006, Assisting With Family Law Mediation (Half Moon Seminars)
- May 19, 2005, Employee Relations Strategies: Managing Workplace Conflict to Avoid Grievances and Increase Productivity (Council on Education in Management)
- May 19, 2005, Leadership and Ethics: Becoming An Effective Leader While Holding Fast To Your Ethical Standards (Council on Education in Management)

- February 2, 2005, Implementing Performance Evaluations That Are A Win-Win For Employers And Employees: Maximizing The Benefits And Minimizing The Drawbacks (Public Sector Employment Law Update 2005)
- September 6, 2003, Breaking Impasse (Arizona Dispute Resolution Association Seminar)
- Spring/Summer 2003, Advanced Mediation Training (Seminars for Prescott and Sierra Vista Court mediators)
- May 13, 2003, Exploring The True Value Of Mediation For Civil Cases And Pre-Litigation Conflict (DeFusco & Udelman Continuing Legal Education)
- April 15, 2003, Mock Mediation: A Case Of Harassment (Arizona Affirmative Action Association 28th Annual Conference: A Title VII approach to defending your assets & good name)
- November 13, 2003, Writing Effective Mediation Agreements (Arizona Dispute Resolution Association Seminar)
- December 20, 2002, Understanding Conflict (The Mediation Agency)
- July 17, 2002 Settlement Of Equitable Distribution Issues Through Negotiation And Mediation (National Business Institute Continuing Legal Education)

References Available Upon Request