

## **Andrew Graham – Mediator**

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**1982: LLB from Dalhousie University Law School      1985: Called to the Bar in Ontario**

**1985 – 2006: Civil Litigation Lawyer at Benson Percival Brown with focus on personal injury and insurance law**

- Appeared in all courts in Ontario, including in bilingual matters in the Superior Court of Justice and the Court of Appeal
- 1995–2001: Instructor in Advocacy and Civil Litigation sections of the Bar Admission Course
- 1995–2006: Participated in numerous mediations as counsel, acting for both plaintiffs and defendants
- 1997: Completed Advanced Mediation Workshop at Osgoode Hall Law School
- 2004–2006: Conducted approximately 50 mediations as a mediator in conjunction with law practice

**2006 - 2023: Associate Judge (Title changed from Master in 2021) in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice**

- Presided over motions, reference hearings and case conferences including bilingual matters involving francophone litigants.
- Numerous decisions reported in Carswell's Practice Cases, the Ontario Reports and other case law reports, now available on CanLii
- Conducted more than 1,500 settlement conferences in all areas of civil litigation. I established a reputation for being extremely well-prepared for all hearings and demonstrated a strong commitment to helping the parties achieve settlements at settlement conferences. My practice experience in personal injury and insurance law was particularly helpful in mediating settlements of cases of that nature, and I also developed expertise in resolving many other types of litigation. My ability to communicate with francophone and Spanish-speaking litigants in their own language often proved helpful in cultivating their trust in the process and ultimately achieving settlements of their cases.
- Regular speaker and panelist at Continuing Legal Education programs presented by the Advocates Society, the Ontario Bar Association, and the Toronto Lawyers Association, and guest lecturer in Civil Procedure at Lincoln Alexander School of Law (Toronto Metropolitan University)

**September, 2023 – present: Mediator with Schmidt Mediation Group**

- After retiring from the Court in late September, 2023, I joined Schmidt Mediation Group. My first mediations were in early December, 2023. I conducted 31 mediations in 2024 and will have conducted a further 25 mediations by the end of 2025. In 2024 I also served on panels for CLE events for Canadian Defence Lawyers and the Ontario Bar Association.