

INSURANCE COVERAGE MEDIATOR



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Why A Coverage Mediator?

Coverage attorneys know the area well. So should the mediator.

Paul is a full-time coverage mediator and arbitrator, who has successfully mediated coverage cases of all sizes and types across many jurisdictions. In the U.S., he has mediated coverage cases in over a dozen states, involving disputes in many more. He:

- Gets the issues, so you explore settlement instead of educating a mediator
- Gives you confidence that positions are intelligently asserted and challenged
- Uses experience as a seasoned mediator and coverage attorney

Mediation Recognition and Publications

Distinguished Fellow/Board Member, International Academy of Mediators (invitation-only)

Listing, Who's Who Legal in Mediation (1 of only 105 in US) (invitation-only)

Member, National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals (invitation-only)

Credentialed Distinguished Mediator, Texas Mediator Credentialing Association

Advanced Mediation Training at AAA: “*Managing Dynamics of a Multi-Party Case*”

Co-Chair, ADR Sub-Committee, ABA Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee

Author on effective strategies for mediating and settling coverage cases

- *The Art of Mediation of Coverage Disputes* (The Brief, ABA TIPS Section) (Spring 2018)
- *Effective Strategies for Mediating Coverage Disputes* (Kluwer Int'l Mediation) (2014)
- *Coverage Mediations*, Coverage (ABA Publication) (Jan/Feb 2011)

Invited speaker on coverage mediations to legal, ADR, policyholder & carrier groups

- *Strategies and Professionalism in the Mediation of Coverage Disputes*, DRI Insurance Coverage and Practice Symposium (New York 2016)
- *Dealing with Insurance Coverage Issues in Mediation*, International Academy of Mediators Conference (Baltimore 2015)
- *Strategies for Mediating the Underlying Case Along With the Coverage Dispute*, ABA Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee (Tucson 2015)
- *Making Mediation of Coverage Disputes Work*, UT Insurance Law Institute (Dallas 2014)
- *Effective Mediation Strategies for Dealing with Insurance Issues in Construction Disputes*, Seminar Group, Insurance in Construction Industry Conf. (Dallas 2014)
- *Effective Use of Mediation in Coverage Disputes*, DRI Ins. Cov. & Claims Institute (Chicago 2014)
- *Strategies in the Mediation and Settlement of Multi-Party Cases*, ABA Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee (Tucson 2013)

Other Honors and Experience

Best Lawyers in America[®] in Insurance Law

Tier 1 Best Law Firm[®] in Insurance Law, Van Osselaer Dispute Resolution

Super Lawyers[®] Insurance Coverage, now ADR

Former Vice-Chair, ABA Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee

Former Member of Editorial Board, *Coverage* (ABA publication)

Tried coverage, indemnity & bad faith cases (both seeking & opposing coverage)

Significant experience mediating wide range of coverage disputes of all sizes and involving many types of policies, including CGL, PL, D&O, excess, first-party, builders' risk, marine, entertainment, terrorism and specialty policies

Education and Pre-ADR Background

University of Texas (B.A., 1971; J.D. 1975; courses toward MBA)

Law Clerk, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas, Houston (1975-77)

Paul's law practice included being partner in a premier Texas law firm and later his own small firm. As coverage lawyers around the country discovered his mediation skills, a part-time coverage mediation practice quickly became full-time, ultimately leading him to start Van Osselaer Dispute Resolution in January 2014.

Paul has been lead counsel in all Texas federal districts and in eight other districts across the U.S. Before trying his first coverage case in 1991, he was lead counsel in major business cases, including antitrust, securities, banking, tax, real estate & IP, earning a *Best Lawyers*[®] listing in Business Litigation from 1987-92. That experience still provides insight into issues underlying many coverage disputes.

Nationwide references from both sides of the coverage docket available on request