

# OUR PRACTICE

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## Neutrals

**Arbitration and mediation are proven strategies that allow parties greater control of costs, and in which neutrals play an integral role. Parties jointly choose the neutral who will assist them in resolving their disputes, rather than leave resolution to an unpredictable and lengthy judicial process. Baker Donelson has highly experienced neutrals with the capability to handle intricate, technical and sensitive legal issues. These neutrals are specially trained and have developed experience in secure, online platforms to provide services regardless of geographic location.**

Choosing a neutral with the correct skill set is of utmost importance as you engage in a process in which you are ultimately the decisionmaker on if and how your dispute will be settled. Our neutrals have the experience and have a high success rate in helping parties resolve their disputes. A resolution is not always possible, but if it can be done, all parties save money and time, gain certainty and finality, and craft the terms of the settlement. Many jurisdictions require mediations in advance of trial, but you may decide to explore an early mediation to avoid costly interruptions to your business.

### Distinct Qualifications

Attorneys at Baker Donelson are experienced neutrals in:

- Alabama
- Florida
- Georgia
- Louisiana
- Maryland
- Mississippi
- Tennessee
- Texas

Given our neutrals' experience with secure online mediations, geographical locations are no longer a consideration; mediations can be handled throughout the United States.

### Qualifications of members of our neutrals' team include:

- Service on ADR panels for state and federal courts
- Service on ADR panels for the American Arbitration Association's National Roster of Neutrals
- Prior judicial service in both state and federal courts
- NASD Board of Arbitrators
- National Association of Distinguished Neutrals