

David M. Zacks

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David Zacks is a Mediator/Arbitrator at Zacks Resolution, a neutral at JAMS ADR, and a retired partner at Kilpatrick. He believes in early intervention. He specializes in getting disputes resolved using techniques he has learned over the past 45 years as a trial lawyer and a neutral. His approach is different. He listens. He seeks common ground. He is passionate to find closure for the parties.

He is known as the “go-to” guy for solving complex issues and has become a trusted advisor to numerous clients throughout the country. He brings great value to his clients with his wealth of experience and unique ability to bring clarity and real solutions to complex situations.

David is a member of American College of Civil Trial Mediators, certified arbitrator and mediator with the American Health Lawyers Association. He has been selected as a member of the CPR Panel of Distinguished Neutrals. Additionally, he was selected to be a member of the CPR Healthcare and Life Science panel.

David is a Founding Member of the Georgia Academy of Mediators and Arbitrators and was named 2013 "Atlanta Lawyer of the Year" in the area of Mediation by *The Best Lawyers in America*®. He was recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Alternative Dispute Resolution, Health Care Law and Personal Injury Litigation in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.

David is fortunate to have served as national chair of the American Cancer Society, the largest not-for-profit in the country and one of the oldest, largest and most effective voluntary health agencies in the world. He has defended international companies in “bet the company” cases, and he has served as lead counsel for plaintiffs in multimillion dollar catastrophic injury and wrongful death cases.

David is a past member of the Kilpatrick executive committee. Prior to joining the firm, David served as a Captain and certified military judge in the Judge Advocate General’s Corps of the United States Army where he successfully defended a captain in a My Lai related trial.

Awards & Recognition
Wake Forest University Distinguished Alumni Award

Georgia Bar Community Service Award

Atlanta Bar Palmer Ansley Leadership Award

Georgia "Super Lawyer" in Litigation, Personal Injury and Alternative Dispute Resolution Law by *Super Lawyers* magazine

National Register's *Who's Who in Executives and Professionals*

Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business for Commercial Litigation Law

Georgia Trend's "Legal Elite" in 2013 and 2014 for Personal Injury Law

"Lifetime Achievement Award" by *American Lawyer's Daily Report*

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Education

Wake Forest University School of Law J.D. (1967) Phi Delta Phi President

Wake Forest University B.A. (1964) *with honors*

Admissions

Georgia (1970)

North Carolina (1967)

Professional & Community Activities

Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center Board of Visitors

American Cancer Society, Past National Chair of the Board

Wake Forest University School of Law, Board of Visitors, Former Member and Past Co-Chair

American Cancer Society Patient Navigator Program, Chair, South-Atlantic Division

Emory School of Medicine, Dean's Advisory Board, Former Member

Legal Clinic for the Homeless in Atlanta, Founder and Past President

Georgia Academy of Mediators and Arbitrators, Founding Member

Leadership Georgia, Past Trustee

University Hospital Health Care Foundation, Former Executive Board Member

CPR Panel of Distinguished Neutrals, Healthcare and Life Sciences Committee, Member

Insights

Perspectives

5 Key Takeaways | The Lawyer's Obligations to Ethical Conduct and Professionalism in Negotiations and Mediations

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In Memoriam: James Hubert 'Jim' Coil III

January 18, 2019

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Kilpatrick Townsend Once Again Achieves Recognition for 2018 Georgia Super Lawyers

February 28, 2018

News Releases

Kilpatrick Townsend Earns Record-Breaking Recognition in Annual Best Lawyers in America 2017

August 16, 2016

News Releases

Kilpatrick Townsend Once Again Achieves Recognition From Chambers USA 2016

May 31, 2016