

# **Raymond L. Niblock**

*Mediator • Trial Lawyer • Author*

## **PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY**

Raymond L. Niblock is an Arkansas state-certified mediator and veteran trial lawyer with more than thirty years of experience in state and federal courts. He has handled over one thousand civil, domestic, probate, and criminal matters to conclusion and brings a pragmatic, litigation-informed perspective to dispute resolution. His mediation practice emphasizes preparation, trust, efficiency, credibility, and disciplined problem-solving across a wide range of civil and commercial disputes.

## **MEDIATION & ADR CREDENTIALS**

- Certified Mediator (Civil & Probate), Arkansas Dispute Resolution Comm'n (CRT #2025-10), 2025–present
- 40-Hour Civil Trial Court Mediation Training, Arkansas ADR Commission, Little Rock, Arkansas (2025)
- 40-Hour Mediation Training, Little Rock, Arkansas (1995)
- Private paid neutral in civil and commercial matters for over 15 years

## **AREAS OF PRACTICE & EXPERIENCE**

- Personal injury and insurance disputes
- Commercial and business conflicts
- Consumer class actions
- Federal multidistrict litigation (pharmaceutical, medical device, antitrust)
- Real estate and contract disputes
- Probate and intra-family conflicts
- Domestic and family matters
- Workplace and employment-related disputes
- Religious and faith-based institutional disputes

## **LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

Licensed to practice law in Arkansas and New Mexico since 1994, Mr. Niblock has extensive experience in state and federal trial courts. He is admitted to the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas and to the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Eighth and Tenth Circuits. His litigation background informs a realistic, outcome-oriented mediation style grounded in risk assessment and frank case valuation.

## **PUBLIC SERVICE & APPOINTMENTS**

- Commissioned Officer, U.S. Army Reserve (1986–2000; Honorable Discharge)

- Arkansas Public Defender Commission, Death Penalty Co-Counsel Certification (2010–present)
- Federal Criminal Justice Act Panelist, Western District of Arkansas (2011–2016)
- Judicial Extern (law clerk) for United States District Court, Western District, Arkansas (1994)

## **EDUCATION**

- Juris Doctor, University of Arkansas (1993)
- University of New Mexico — Philosophy and Political Theory (1987–1991)

## **PUBLICATIONS & WRITING**

Co-Author, *Federal Courts, Tribal Courts and Comity: Developing Tribal Judiciaries and Forum Selection*, 19 University of Arkansas at Little Rock Law Journal (1997).

Author, *The Last Independence Day: Secession* (Bishop’s Trust, 2023).

## **ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE**

- FAA Private Pilot Certificate — Single Engine, Land (2021–present)
- Former Trainer, Honeywell Defense Avionics, Albuquerque, New Mexico (1987–1991)