

MEDIATOR BIOGRAPHY

JOHN S. HOOD - John S. Hood has been a practicing attorney and judge for thirty-seven years after receiving his JD degree from the LSU school of Law In 1975. He received his Bachelor Degree in history and English, also from LSU.

After a one-year clerkship with the Judges of the Fourteenth Judicial District Court he entered private practice in a seven member law firm engaging In a general trial practice. In 1984 he was elected Judge of the Lake Charles City Court, Division B, a position he has held for now twenty-seven years. That position allows him to maintain a private law practice limited to mediations.

In 2004 the Southwest Louisiana Bar Association conducted a judicial survey on an anonymous basis of all trial court judges. Of the three Federal Judges, ten District Court Judges and three City Court Judges, Judge Hood was rated the highest overall.

His interest in guiding unrepresented parties in the court system he serves to reach their own solutions led to his formal training. A graduate of the American Academy of Attorney-Mediators in Dallas, Texas in 1999, Judge Hood accepts mediations on a limited basis so as not to interfere with his duties as judge.

He is a member of the Louisiana City Judges Association (past President), The American Judges Association, the Louisiana Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the Southwest Louisiana Bar Association. He is a Fellow of the Louisiana Bar Foundation.