

## **Thomas P. Barrett, Esquire**

A native of Bridgeport, Connecticut, Tom moved to the metropolitan Hartford area after graduating with honors from Loyola University School of Law in New Orleans. His law career spanned over 19 years, first as an associate at Gordon, Muir & Foley from 1979-1985 and as a partner in the law firm of Sack, Spector and Barrett in West Hartford from 1986-1999. Since 1999 Tom has been a full time mediator, arbitrator and ADR consultant.

Tom's practice as a civil litigator encompassed the areas of personal injury, product liability, real estate, municipal, commercial, probate, workers' compensation, and constitutional law. Additionally, as a mediator and arbitrator, Tom has also heard and been involved in matters of commercial construction, architectural practice, employment law, labor issues and condominium disputes. Tom received mediation training from the Manville Mediation Training Project while participating in asbestos litigation.

Tom is one of only a handful of successful full-time mediators and arbitrators practicing in Connecticut. The more obvious reasons he has become successful are his legal experience, an extensive litigation background, a willingness to stay current with the law, an ever present intellectual curiosity and, most important of all, an ability to communicate effectively with the widely differing variety of personalities who participate in the mediation and arbitration process.

We at Litigation Alternatives, Inc. are proud to be able to offer his services in cases involving a myriad of issues and subject matters. Tom has also had great success in the settlement of complex, multi-party mediations, where disputed questions of fact and law are of prime importance. Many of the cases Tom has mediated have settled in the six and seven figure range.

While in private practice, Tom's reputation, intelligence, skill and integrity led to him being selected regularly by his peers as a "mutually acceptable" hearing officer. Since entering the field of Alternative Dispute Resolution full time, his reputation has spread and he is now known throughout Connecticut.