

## **René Stemple Trehy, Esq.**

René Stemple Trehy has devoted her professional career to alternative dispute resolution. She has served as a mediator, arbitrator, and special master for lawyers and judges throughout the Southeast and principally in North Carolina. Ms. Trehy graduated cum laude from West Virginia University in 1983 and in 1986 from Duke University Law School. From 1990- 2002, Ms. Trehy served as Executive Director of the Duke University School of Law's Private Adjudication Center. In that position, she designed, implemented and directed the administration of ADR programs for settlement of class actions and mass torts, led the Center's mediation training, and administered the Center's dispute resolution programs. In 2002, Ms. Trehy co-founded Beason & Ellis Conflict Resolution, LLC.

Ms. Trehy has mediated extensively in these and other areas of litigation: medical malpractice, construction, business disputes, products liability, insurance coverage, employment, consumer, eminent domain, environmental disputes, nursing home negligence, wrongful death and other catastrophic personal injury cases. These mediations frequently arise in difficult or complex circumstances involving multiple parties, class actions, and insurance coverage disputes.

René Trehy's arbitration experience includes service on three-member panels and as sole arbitrator. In addition, federal and state judiciary have appointed Ms. Trehy as Special Master in several complex litigations, including a national class action involving products liability, a multi-party CERCLA dispute in the Northern District of Alabama, and a class action settlement in Florida involving claims of property damage and personal injury. Ms. Trehy recently served as a Neutral in the Individualized Claims Resolution Process established as part of the nationwide class action settlement approved by the Northern District of Illinois in *McReynolds et al. v. Merrill Lynch*, Case No. 05-cv-6583 (N.D. Ill.).

Ms. Trehy has been a senior lecturing fellow at Duke University School of Law, teaching negotiation and mediation advocacy since 1992. She has been a lead faculty member for mediation training in North Carolina for twenty years. Ms. Trehy has taught at seminars across the nation, and she is the author or co-author of numerous seminar manuscripts and scholarly articles in the field of alternative dispute resolution.

Ms. Trehy has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* in the Alternative Dispute Resolution specialty since 2007, she was named the Raleigh, NC Arbitration *Best Lawyers'* "Lawyer of the Year" in 2013 and 2016 and the Raleigh, NC Mediation *Best Lawyers'* "Lawyer of the Year," in 2015.