

John A. Griner IV

Mediator

John Griner began his mediation activities in 2016 while engaged in a full-time insurance defense practice. During this time, John has successfully mediated numerous civil disputes to resolution. He draws on his extensive litigation experience to assist parties in achieving the best possible mediated settlement.

“There is certainly some truth to the adage: ‘You know it’s a good settlement when no one is happy.’ While rarely do both (or even one) of the parties get what they want, our goal in mediation should be to make sure that everyone gets what they need.”

John has extensive experience in a wide variety of disputes, with particular expertise in construction and insurance matters:

- Construction and Construction Defect
- Fire and Explosion (Trained as a fire investigator)
- Products Liability
- Personal Injury
- Insurance and Insurance Coverage
- Wrongful Death and Personal Injury
- Civil Rights and Public Sector
- Trucking Liability and FMCSA
- Maritime Law and Longshoremen’s Act
- Worker’s Compensation

With four decades of trial experience, including 25 years as staff counsel for one of the nation’s largest and highest rated property casualty insurers, John’s expertise and reputation inform the mediation process, increasing the chances of success.

To schedule mediation with John, please contact his Case Manager Mike Weinzierl at mweinzierl@resolutesystems.com or (414) 276-4774, x125.

Biography

During more than 40 years as a trial lawyer, John has represented both plaintiffs and defendants in matters large and small. That said, during the last several years of his litigation practice the average case



value of the matters on John's inventory has been in excess of \$2 million. He has litigated nearly 400 cases to verdict, decision and/or through appeal. As evidence of his skill and reputation, John has maintained an AV rating from Martindale-Hubbell since 1988.

Throughout his career John has been a presenter, lecturer and mentor on topics involving civil litigation, worker's compensation and business practices at programs sponsored by the National Institute for Trial Advocacy ("NITA"), various law firms, insurance carriers and clients, the State Bar of Wisconsin and the Iowa State Bar Association, as well as other national and local professional and business organizations.

John was born in Boston, Massachusetts, and raised in the western Chicago suburbs. He is the father of four and grandfather to eight. Mr. Griner is a PADI Certified open water diver and is a part-time professional photographer. In addition to publishing and selling his work, he writes and teaches on photography topics. He is also an avid baseball and music fan.

Professional Experience

June, 1987 to Present: REPRESENTATION OF CLIENTS IN STATE AND FEDERAL COURTS IN WISCONSIN

Including 25 years as Staff Counsel for one of the nation's largest and highest rated Property Casualty Insurers: Serving as Senior Counsel and Wisconsin Managing Counsel.

Average Case Value of matters handled since 2019: \$2.1 million.

May, 1984 to June, 1987: REPRESENTATION OF CLIENTS IN STATE AND FEDERAL COURTS IN IOWA and NEBRASKA

40 Years a Litigator

- Total of nearly 400 matters litigated to verdict, decision and/or through appeal.
- Primarily, though not exclusively, insurance defense
- AV rating from Martindale-Hubbell since 1988.

Bar Admissions

- Wisconsin (1987)
- U.S. District Court: ED of Wisconsin and WD of Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court: ND of Iowa, SD of Iowa
- U.S. District Court: Nebraska
- 7th and 8th Circuit Courts of Appeals

- Iowa (1984) (Inactive)

Education

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL STUDIES – EVANSTON, IL
November, 2024
Mediation Skills Certification (anticipated)

DRAKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW – Des Moines, IA

J.D. – May, 1984

Dean's List; Dean's Service Award; SBA President's Award; Staff Attorney: Drake Legal Services Clinic;

Chapter Justice: Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity;

Associate Editor: The Gavel (Drake Law School Newspaper)

HARVARD UNIVERSITY – CAMBRIDGE, MA

AB in Economics – May, 1981

Producer: Dunster House Drama Society.

Bar & Civic Activities

UNIVERSITY LAKE SCHOOL – HARTLAND, WI

2016 - Present

Board of Trustees – President (2022 to present) for this private pre-primary through Grade 12 College Preparatory School.

State Bar of Wisconsin

1987 – Present

Public Affairs Advisory Committee (1996 2002); Tort Law Committee (1993 1998); Legal Education Commission (1995 1996); Mentor Council (1993 1996); Study Committee on the Voluntary Bar (1990 1992); Regional & State Mock Trial Tournaments: Judge and Mentor (2017-2024); Young Lawyers Division: Director (1988 1992); Treasurer (1992 1995); Co Chair Program Committee (1991 1993); Chair Host Committee, Regional Moot Court Competition (1994).

Wisconsin Association of Worker's Compensation Attorneys

2002 – 2012: President (2002); Treasurer (2005-2008)

Milwaukee Insurance Adjusters Association

1995-1999: President (1998-1999); Vice-President (1997-1998)

Iowa State Bar Association

1984-1987: Federal Practice Committee (1985 1986); Bridge the Gap Committee (Young Lawyers Section) (1985 1986)

Sioux City (Iowa) Lawyers Club : Secretary

1984-1987: Treasurer (1987)

Fred Grandy for Congress: Staff Attorney and researcher 1985-1986