

# BEYOND DISPUTING

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"Discourage litigation. Persuade your neighbors to compromise whenever you can. As a peacemaker the lawyer has superior opportunity of being a good man. There will still be business enough." **Abraham Lincoln**

"There is no display of human ingenuity, wit, and power, so fascinating as that made by trained lawyers in the trial of an important case, nowhere else is exhibited such subtlety, acumen, address, eloquence." **Mark Twain**



**MISSION:** With almost 50 years in experience brought to bear for my clients in disputes and conflicts ranging from major policy issues, U.S. Supreme Court cases to trial, appeals and settlements of many types of disputes, now I want to fulfill the objectives of people and businesses, in moving beyond disputing, and reaching resolution by cost-effective, positive and creative actions.

**MEDIATION AND ADR:** Mediation has benefits as a cost-effective means of resolving disputes not limited by legal formalities. A "proactive" process of addressing the issues and promotes "win-win-win" solutions – works best for the parties, civility and the common good. As well as a mediator or arbitrator, I also will serve as litigation manager, mediation counsel, special or discovery master, conciliator, ombudsman or case evaluator.

**GEORGE C. DEPTULA:** Admitted to bar, 1973, Massachusetts; First Circuit and U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts; 1977, U.S. Supreme Court; 1980, District of Columbia. Education: Harvard University (A.B., 1970); Boston University (J.D., 1973) Editor: Boston University Law Review, 1972-1973. Mediation Training Certificate (MWI 2006). Email: [gdeptula@fgd-law.com](mailto:gdeptula@fgd-law.com); Website: [georgedeptula.com](http://georgedeptula.com) (in process); firm: [fgd-law.com](http://fgd-law.com); 617.851.8291 (cell phone).

## **History of Practice Includes:**

Both Plaintiff and defense sides on many "average" and some exceptional cases in multiple areas:

**Business and Commercial Litigation:** Disputes between or within businesses, or with government entities, over contracts, distribution agreements, executive and employee terminations, safety or defect issues, financial, management and ownership disputes, real estate disputes, public policy or regulation and occasionally IP or antitrust disputes.

**Construction Claims and Litigation:** Cases for public and private parties, including owners, architects, engineers and construction companies for both large multi-million-dollar projects and individual homes or commercial buildings.

**Divorce and Family Law:** Representing all parties in divorce and family issues, including estate claims. Particular interest in: (1) business valuations and division of property in divorce; (2) the lawyer/client and expert relations; (3) fair settlements.

**Professional Negligence:** Many cases, mainly for plaintiffs, involving doctors, lawyers, accountants, brokers, architects, engineers, bankers and money managers; but also defended doctors for 10 years in multiple cases and trials, and defended other professionals.

**Tort Claims:** Claims of personal injuries in all tort claims, such as products liability, defamation, sexual harassment or assault, slip and falls, business torts, etc. I also worked for several insurance companies in products liability, malpractice, and accidents.

**Employment Law:** Employment Termination, Layoffs, Sex and Age Discrimination, Sexual Harassment, internal management, contract or labor disputes, school issues including tenure, tenure revocation, plagiarism, etc.

**Civil Rights – Wrongful Government Conduct:** Represented both municipalities and police officers in police abuse cases and employment termination cases, as well as plaintiffs in police or other abuse cases, terminations, or sanctions, false arrest, administrative malfeasance, and civil rights. Civil Rights and Constitutional cases involving First Amendment and due process violations.

**Environmental:** Cases and claims, local and national, and public policy issues including two cases in the US Supreme Court.