

## **Hon. Robert H. Oberbillig**

Robert Oberbillig serves as a mediator, arbitrator, and discovery master in civil cases. He has extensive experience in the following areas: medical malpractice, personal injury, nursing home cases, product liability, premises liability, wrongful death, bad faith, defamation, commercial matters, business dissolutions, construction, real estate, probate, and family law. Mr. Oberbillig served 19 years as a trial judge on the Arizona Superior Court in Maricopa County. He served 11 years on the civil assignment and was the Presiding Judge of the Civil Department for three years. Mr. Oberbillig also served on the criminal, family, and juvenile assignments and presided over high profile probate cases.

Mr. Oberbillig was the designated “settlement judge” for the entire civil department for nine years. In that role, he conducted hundreds of settlement conferences involving serious injury torts and commercial matters. He also regularly held settlement conferences throughout all of his judicial assignments. He has presided over hundreds of jury trials and bench trials.

Mr. Oberbillig received the ‘Judge of the Year’ award from the Phoenix Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) in recognition of his extensive experience as a trial judge and for conducting successful settlement conferences. ABOTA is made up of both distinguished plaintiffs’ and defense trial lawyers. He also received the annual ‘Judicial Excellence’ award from the Arizona Association of Defense Counsel.

Mr. Oberbillig was a Martindale-Hubbell ‘AV’ rated attorney before being appointed to the Superior Court. He practiced law for 13 years at Snell and Wilmer and for three years at Doyle Winthrop Oberbillig and West, P.C. His trial/litigation practice focused on both serious personal injury matters and a wide variety of business/contract disputes. Mr. Oberbillig was also extensively involved in ADR as an advocate and a privately retained mediator and arbitrator.

Mr. Oberbillig served as a chair of the Maricopa County Bench/Bar Committee and a chair of the Civil Study Committee. He was a member of the Civil Practice and Procedure Committee and a member of the Judicial Executive Committee. He regularly serves as a speaker at numerous continuing legal and judicial education seminars, including several that involve how to effectively advocate in or conduct judicial settlement conferences.

Mr. Oberbillig received his JD from the University of Iowa School of Law with High Distinction in 1982, where he also served as Editor in Chief of the Iowa Law Review. At graduation, Mr. Oberbillig was the sole recipient of the Iowa State Bar Scholastic Achievement, Contribution, and Leadership Award.

Mr. Oberbillig is admitted to practice in all state and federal courts of Arizona, the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and the Supreme Court of the United States.