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Mr. Dokson has practiced law in Atlanta for over forty (40) years, and has been involved in ADR activities for more than thirty (30) years. His practice as both an advocate and an ADR neutral involves a wide variety of commercial and civil matters. Over the past few years, Mr. Dokson has mediated, arbitrated and served as a court appointed Special Master in hundreds of cases, including:

- Business and professional practice breakups
- Trade Secret and Restrictive Covenant matters
- Contract disputes
- Defamation and other business tort cases
- Corporate and shareholder disputes
- Real Estate disputes, including title matters, lien issues, leasing controversies, warranty matters and construction disputes
- Franchise matters
- Employment cases, including
 - Wrongful termination, racial discrimination, religious discrimination, age Discrimination, ERISA and benefits claims, and employment contract issues
- Bankruptcy and reorganization matters
- Professional liability matters
- Personal injury and property damage cases, including
 - Wrongful death, Product liability and serious Personal Injury claims
- Intellectual Property cases
- Insurance claims, including life, disability and health claims
- Trust & Estate matters

Mr. Dokson is a frequent lecturer and trainer at CLE seminars on ADR matters. He was a founding Board Member of the Justice Center of Atlanta, one of the earliest mediation programs in the Atlanta area, established in the late 1970's under a special grant from the U.S. Department of Justice.

Mr. Dokson is currently a shareholder in the Atlanta firm of Ellis Funk, P.C. (f/k/a Ellis, Funk, Goldberg, Labovitz & Dokson, P.C.). He received his undergraduate degree from Brown University and he also attended the London School of Economics. He has a J.D. degree from the University of Chicago, where he was an Editor of the Law Review, and an L.L.M. degree from the Harvard Law School.

Mr. Dokson began his legal career in 1969 with the Atlanta Legal Aid Society, a program for which he served as Executive Director from 1974 to 1980 (and as a Board and Executive Committee member and officer for over thirty years [Board President in 2008]). Since 1980, he has practiced as a partner with several Atlanta firms, specializing in civil and commercial litigation and dispute resolution. Mr. Dokson also served from 1984 to 2001 as an Adjunct Professor of Litigation at the Georgia State College of Law and at Emory Law School.

Mr. Dokson is certified as a neutral arbitrator and mediator by the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution, and serves as a mediator and arbitrator on the commercial and complex case panels for various ADR providers, including the American Arbitration Association, the National Arbitration Forum and Closure ADR Group, as well as providing such ADR services privately through his law firm. Mr. Dokson is also a member of the Georgia Academy of Mediators & Arbitrators, the American Registry of Arbitrators, and the Dispute Resolution sections of the American, Georgia and Atlanta (Chair, 2011-12) Bar Associations, and the Georgia Arbitration Forum.

Mr. Dokson has been involved in many civic and professional activities. As noted above, he has served in numerous capacities with the Atlanta Legal Aid Society for over 40 years. He was also one of the founders of the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation (AVLF), and served on AVLF's board for many years. And he currently serves on, or has previously been a member of, the boards of the Paideia School, the Temple, the Anti-Defamation League ("ADL"), the Downtown YMCA, the Governor's Office of Consumer Affairs, and the Brown University National Alumni Schools Program.