

Ketan Soni



Mr. Ketan Soni was appointed to the N.C. Dispute Resolution Commission by Chief Justice Cheri Beasley on October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2023, as a certified superior court mediator.

Ketan Soni was born in Charlotte, North Carolina and raised in the bitter cold and wind of the Chicago suburbs with the only comfort coming from the joy of being a Cubs fan. After giving the Midwest a final chance by attending the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, he fled back to the warm embrace of the Carolinas to attend law school at Wake Forest University School of Law.

Ketan started practicing divorce and family law with a law firm in Raleigh before finally landing back where it all started in Charlotte to open up a branch office. Ketan opened [Soni Brendle, PLLC](#), with Andrew Brendle after developing a mediation practice over the past 10 years, which let him tap into the need to develop every imaginable and un-imaginable spreadsheet possible, including one for counting the number of spreadsheets that one has created in the past.

In the 2020s, Ketan plans to continue advancing Dispute Resolution as a desirable alternative to the court system, including mediation and arbitration. Ketan frequently trains other mediators either to become certified or to maintain certifications with qualified training programs. Ketan also teaches Continuing Legal Education classes in addition to hosting free programs for his colleagues in an effort to raise the bar for the profession. Ultimately this lets Ketan create more spreadsheets (because that's what the spreadsheets told him to do).