



LeAnn Nease Brown

LeAnn Nease Brown was appointed to the N.C. Dispute Resolution Commission by Chief Justice Cheri Beasley on October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2022, as a superior court mediator (certified to conduct mediated settlement conferences in superior court).

Ms. Brown is a Member/Manager of the law firm of Brown & Bunch, PLLC in Chapel Hill. Her practice areas include Zoning, Planning and Land Use, Eminent Domain, Commercial Litigation, Employment Law and Mediation. Ms. Brown received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1977, a Master of Science degree from the University of North Carolina School of Medical Allied

Health Sciences in 1981 and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of North Carolina School of Law in 1984. She is admitted to practice in all North Carolina State Courts, the US Supreme Court, the US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, the US District Court for the Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of North Carolina, and the US Tax Court. Ms. Brown is a member of Judicial District 18 (formerly 15B); the Orange County Bar Association, the American Bar Association, and the North Carolina Bar Association (Sections include Zoning Planning and Land Use (Chair, 2016-2017), Dispute Resolution (Chair, 2017-2018), Antitrust and Trade Regulation (Chair, 1996-1997) Labor Law, and Litigation. She has chaired the North Carolina Bar Association's Membership Committee and served as co-chair of its Legislative Advisory Committee. She served as a member of its Board of Governors from 2010-2013. She served as a member of its Audit and Finance Committee from 2010-2013. She served on the CLE Committee of the North Carolina Bar Association Foundation for many years and as Chair from 2008-2010. Ms. Brown served on the Zoning, Planning and Land Use Section drafting committees for revisions to N.C.G.S. Section 160A-388 and Chapter 160D—an Act to consolidate city and county zoning and development regulation statutes and caselaw into a clearer, user friendly organizational framework. In 2019-2020, Ms. Brown served as the 125th President of the North Carolina Bar Association and as President of North Carolina Bar Foundation. Ms. Brown served as a trustee of the North Carolina State Bar Client Security Fund (2010-2015) and as its chair (2015). Ms. Brown served on the Board of Directors of the Dispute Settlement Center of Orange County 2003-2009 and 2010-2015(Chair, 2007-2009). Ms. Brown is the recipient of the Pro Bono Impact Award – Business Leader Media (2008), the North Carolina Bar Association Dispute Resolution Section Peace Award (2019) the North Carolina Bar Association Zoning Planning and Land Use Section Award of Excellence (2019) and the North Carolina Bar Association H. Brent McKnight Renaissance Lawyer Award (2021). Ms. Brown is a DRC Certified Mediator in Superior Court Matters (1992) and Family Financial Matters (1999).