

The Honorable John J. Specia
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Judge Specia's practice focuses primarily on mediation, arbitration, dispute resolution & private judging. He has over 46 years of legal experience including his private practice as a family law attorney and then serving as District Judge of the 225th District Court in Bexar County for eighteen years from 1988 – 2006. Additionally, he was the administrative judge for Bexar County district courts for four of those years. He also served as Master of the 289th Family and Juvenile District Court from 1985 – 1988 and was one of the state's first child welfare attorneys, serving as a regional attorney for the former Texas Department of Human Services. Judge Specia is also a Qualified Impartial Third Party pursuant to Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code §154.052 (2019).

Over the course of his judicial career, Judge Specia presided over numerous jury and non-jury trials. He oversaw a wide range of complex legal issues, including, but not limited to, family law matters, commercial litigation, employment matters, personal injury, medical malpractice, and catastrophic injury

As a mediator, Judge Specia offers the experience of having conducted hundreds of complex mediations of cases involving many challenging legal issues. Judge Specia's wide-ranging legal experience has resulted in many successful results for the parties involved.

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- Admissions
 - State Bar of Texas
 - Education
 - J.D., St. Mary's University of Law, 1975
 - B.A., University of Texas at Austin, Political Science, 1972
 - Professional Associations and Memberships (Past and Present)
 - Chair - Texas Supreme Court Task Force on Foster Care
 - Chair - Texas Supreme Court Task Force on Child-Protection Case Management and Reporting
 - Board Member - Central Catholic Marianist High School
 - Board Member - National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (2000-2006)
 - Numerous other Civic and Professional Board Positions
 - Honors
 - Distinguished Law Graduate (Judicial), St. Mary's School of Law, 2005
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 - Dale Wood Award (Award for outstanding protection of children by the Judiciary), 2001

- St. Mary's University - School of Law, Rosewood Gavel Award (Award for outstanding Judicial Service), 2001
- Special Commendation, Texas Association for Marriage & Family Therapy, 1999
- CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) Judge of the Year, 1998