



Barbara N. Lyons, Esquire

Curriculum Vitae

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE/BIOGRAPHY

Barbara N. Lyons, Esquire is a certified, skilled and experienced lawyer specializing in neutral arbitration, mediation and case evaluation. She founded the Bucks County Mediation and Arbitration Center (BCMAC) to provide parties to disputes with alternatives to traditional litigation.

Through BCMAC, Ms. Lyons provides full-service Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) solutions to lawyers and their clients. Ms. Lyons addresses issues involving, but not limited to, contract and real estate disputes, equity matters, underinsured and uninsured motorist cases, personal injury, municipal, medical malpractice and employer/employee disputes, business mergers and dissolutions.

An attorney since 1981, Ms. Lyons is a former trial attorney representing both plaintiffs and defendants. This training provides her with a unique prospective on the resolution of legal matters – with a penchant for cutting through the clutter and resolving disputes. Ms. Lyons has been a dedicated neutral attorney since 1994 when she focused her practice in *all* methods of resolving disputes outside of the court system. Since establishing BCMAC, Ms. Lyons has resolved thousands of civil actions by mediation and arbitration.

Ms. Lyons is admitted to practice law in the Courts for the County of Bucks, Pennsylvania Supreme Court, and the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. She is a court appointed arbitrator and member of the Federal Arbitration Panel. Just before founding BCMAC, Ms. Lyons taught peer mediation to school children in Bucks County and decided to bring her unique talents to the legal community.

Ms. Lyons is a member of the Senate Advisory Commission on Alternative Dispute Resolution and serves on the ABA Advanced Mediation Institute faculty. She works to create systems of alternative dispute resolution throughout the Commonwealth. She assisted in the creation of the innovative mediation program for the Bucks County civil court system that provides the alternative of mediation to litigation. Ms. Lyons helped to create the Mortgage Foreclosure Diversion Program of the County of Bucks in which she served as Judge Pro Tem in over 3000 conferences to date.

In March 2013, Ms Lyons was appointed to the Joint State Government Commission's Advisory Committee on Violence Prevention. This advisory committee assisted the Commission in researching and drafting violence prevention recommendations to the State General Assembly.

An active member of the legal community, Ms. Lyons has served multiple terms as a Director for the Bucks County Bar Association. She was the founder and editor of the newsletter for the Bar Association, a member of the Women's Law Division, and has served as a Trustee to the Charitable Foundation for the Bucks County Bar Association.

Ms. Lyons also serves the greater community as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for Doylestown Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Prior to this appointment in 2002, she served for several years as Chairman of Doylestown Township's Park and Recreation Board. Ms. Lyons chairs the Township Golf Outing and is the past chair of the Township's annual Oktoberfest. She has volunteered time and talents to numerous organizations and has provided pro bono legal representation to abused women for three decades. She is the Director of Public Safety and works with the Chief of Police for Doylestown Township in the administration of a twenty-two member police department. She was elected to the Board of Supervisors in 2003 and re-elected in 2009 and 2016. Ms. Lyons continues to serve as Chairman of the Board, elected annually by her fellow board members. She was chosen to receive the CB Chamber of Commerce VIA Women in Business Leadership Award for 2013, in recognition of her outstanding leadership in the Central Bucks community.

From 1992 to 1995, Ms. Lyons served as the Director of *A Woman's Place*, a center for victims of domestic violence and their children and as President of the Board of *CB Cares Educational Foundation*, a non-profit organization that works as a coalition with community leaders, agencies, businesses, schools and families for the purpose of helping to grow a healthier youth. Ms. Lyons also demonstrates her commitment to the community as a counsellor to women and families in transition.

Ms. Lyons earned her B.A. *summa cum laude* from the University of Pittsburgh and her J.D. in 1981 from Temple University School of Law. She is a frequent, dynamic lecturer at high schools and universities.

Ms. Lyons and her husband, Rick Lyons, are the proud parents of three adult children all of whom are alumni of Villanova University. In her spare time, Ms. Lyons enjoys time with family, singing in secular and non-secular choirs and the practicing the game of golf.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- 39 years in the practice of law in Bucks County, Pennsylvania
- 14 years as a civil litigator in negligence, commercial, insurance liability and family law
- 25 years practice and experience as a neutral arbitrator, mediator and case evaluator
- Supervisor, Doylestown Township. Appointed, June 2002 | Elected, 2003 | Re-elected, 2009 and 2016. Elected Chairman annually
- Member of the Senate Advisory Commission on Alternative Dispute Resolution and Business and Personal Injury Subcommittee
- Member of the Joint State Government Commission's Advisory Committee on Violence Prevention
- Member of the Federal Arbitration Panel
- Coordinator and volunteer administrator of the Mediation Program for the Courts of Common Pleas of Bucks County
- Appointed to the Joint State Government Commission on Alternative Dispute Resolution, 2007
- Created the Mortgage Foreclosure Diversion Program for Bucks County, 2009

- Extensive experience in municipal government and administration

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Bucks County Mediation and Arbitration Center (1995 – Present)

Proprietor

A professional company offering certified, skilled and experienced neutral attorneys in mediation, arbitration and case evaluation. Since 1995, Ms Lyons has served as an arbitrator and mediator in civil matters in over 4000 cases. She has also provided hundreds of confidential case evaluations for civil litigation attorneys practicing in the tri-county region.

Pratt, Brett, Lyons and Luce, P.C. (1988 – 1994)

Partner

A general litigation practice in plaintiff and defense negligence law, business, and family law.

Scott and Lyons, P.C. (1981 – 1988)

Partner

A general litigation practice including: defense and plaintiff negligence law, estates, orphan's court matters, business, commercial and family.

EDUCATION

Temple Law School

Philadelphia, Pa (J.D. 1981)

University of Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh, Pa (B.A. History 1977, *summa cum laude*)

COURT ADMISSIONS

- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
- Bucks County Court of Common Pleas

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce VIA Women in Business Leadership Award
- Arthur B. Walsh, Jr. Pro Bono Publico Award, Bucks County Bar Association
- Bucks County Bar Association President's Award
- Central Bucks Community Service Award from the Boy Scouts of America
- Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Pro Bono Attorney Award
- CB Cares Educational Foundation Community Service Award
- Doylestown Rotary 4-Way Test Award
- Commendations and Resolutions from the Borough of Doylestown, Doylestown Township, the Senate for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the House of Representatives for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Tobacco Free Education and Action Coalition, Success of the Moscow Conference on Law and Economic Development
- Soroptimist International of Bucks County Award for Advocacy in Economic and Social Development
- President's Leadership Award from the Pennsylvania Association of Township Supervisors
- Bucks County Herald Champion of Champions Award for Lawyers Among Us

- Pennsylvania Parks and recreation Local Government Award

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Pennsylvania Bar Association

American Bar Association

American Bar Foundation, Fellow

ABA Advanced Mediation Institute

Bucks County Bar Association:

- Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee 2002 – present
- Women’s Law Division 1998 – present
- “The Writs”, Bar Association News and Journal, Founder and Editor in Chief 1990 – 2002
- Director (1982 - 1984) (1998 – 1990) (2000 – 2002) (2016 – 2018)
- Secretary 2002
- Civil Litigation Division 1981- 1994
- Chairman, Young Lawyers Division 1982

Bucks County Bar Association Charitable Foundation Trustee 2006 – 2019

Bucks County Family Court Parent Coordinator 2006- 2010

Federal Arbitration Panel, Member 2002 – present

Pro Bono Legal Representative 1981 – present

Judge Pro Tem in the Mortgage Foreclosure Diversion Program 2009 - present

Senate Advisory Commission on Alternative Dispute Resolution 2007 – 2010

Joint State Government Advisory Committee on Violence Prevention 2013

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS / TEACHING / PUBLICATIONS

ABA Advanced Mediation Institute

ABA Commission on Women in the Profession, publication of “Grit, The Secret to Advancement, Stories of Successful Women Lawyers”.

Bucks County Bar Association

Family Law Mediation Training Faculty, Course Materials Author 2004
Basic Mediation Training Faculty, Course Materials Author 2008

Bucks County School Districts

Numerous lectures on local government, constitutional law and peer mediation training

Civil Litigation CLE's

Faculty, author course materials 1994

Cornell University School of Law

ADR Practice guest lecturer 2009

The College of New Jersey, School of Business

Guest lecturer 2018

Delaware Valley University

Adjunct Faculty Business Law 2008 – 2009

Lecturer, Local Government 2006- present

Parent Coordinator Training

Faculty, Co-Author Course Materials 2009

League of Women Voters Speaker

Bucks County Annual Meeting – Economic Health of Bucks County

Soroptimist International of Bucks County

Keynote Speaker on Women and Economics

William Penn Charter School

Capital Campaign Keynote Speaker, The Constitution Center, Philadelphia 2006