

# Thomas J. Solari

#### Mediator

Tom Solari, esteemed mediator and legal professional, made significant contributions to the law firm of Plauché, Smith & Nieset in Lake Charles, LA, where he served Of Counsel until his retirement in 2021. His expertise as a mediator caught the attention of U.S. District Judge James Cain, who appointed Mr. Solari to serve on a panel of neutrals specifically tasked with mediating cases arising from Hurricanes Laura and Delta. This appointment serves as a testament to Mr. Solari's exceptional skills and credibility as a mediator.





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#### Concentrations

**Casualty and Liability Litigation** 

**Personal Injury** 

**Auto/Premises Liability** 

Insurance Coverage

**Product Liability** 

**Construction Litigation** 

**Trucking Litigation** 

**Workers' Compensation Litigation** 

**Hurricane Claims** 

#### **Education**

BS, McNeese State University (1985)

JD, Loyola University Law School (1988)

## Recognitions

Court appointed mediator in the U.S.D.C., Western District of Louisiana, for Hurricane Laura and Delta Claims

Former Chair of the SWLA Bar Association Workers' Compensation Section

### **Biography**

Over the course of his 35-year career, Mr. Solari dedicated his practice to championing the interests of employers, insurance companies, and their insureds in the defense against casualty and workers' compensation claims. His expertise in this area of law is unparalleled. Mr. Solari has a track record of success, having triumphed in numerous jury and bench trials conducted in state and federal court, as well as before the Louisiana Office of Workers Compensation. His ability to present persuasive legal arguments and navigate complex court proceedings has earned him widespread recognition. To further contribute to the legal community, he has shared his knowledge by conducting workers' compensation seminars for members of the bar association and various claims organizations.

But Mr. Solari's dedication to resolving disputes extends beyond the courtroom. In 2014, he embarked on a new chapter of his career as a mediator. Since then, he has excelled in this role, leveraging his extensive legal background to facilitate effective and fair resolutions.

Mr. Solari was admitted to the Louisiana Bar in 1988 and has been admitted to the U.S. District Court's Eastern, Middle, and Western Districts of Louisiana, as well as the U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit.

To complement his professional accomplishments, Mr. Solari actively participates in various legal associations. He is a proud member of the Louisiana State Bar Association and the Southwest Louisiana Bar Association. Additionally, he played a pivotal role as the Chair of the SWLA Bar Association Workers' Compensation Section in 2011, spearheading initiatives and lending his expertise to benefit the legal community. Beyond the legal realm, Mr. Solari has served on the McNeese Alumni Association Board of Directors and the Lake Charles YMCA Board of Directors.

Clients seeking a knowledgeable and skillful mediator would be fortunate to have Mr. Solari guide them towards fair and effective resolutions.