



**Barbara N. Lyons,  
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**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 civil trial attorney representing both plaintiffs and defendants. This training provided 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. In 2009, in the throes of the housing crisis, Ms. Lyons helped to create the Mortgage Foreclosure Diversion Program for the County of Bucks in which she served as the volunteer administrator and mediator in thousands of conferences that helped Bucks County homeowners save their homes from Foreclosure, for which she received the Community Champion Award from the Bucks County Credit Counseling Center in 2023.

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 Writs*, 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 for which she received the Bucks County Bar Foundation Award for providing extraordinary service to the mission accomplishing justice for all.

Ms. Lyons also serves the greater community as member 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 Annual Township Golf Outing and is the past chair of the Township's annual Oktoberfest. She has served as the Director of Public Safety working 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, 2016 and 2022. Ms. Lyons served as Chairman of the Board until 2024 and now serves as the Vice – Chairman.

From 1992 to 1995, Ms. Lyons served on the *Woman's Place* Board of Directors, a center for victims of domestic violence and their children and has served over 30 years representing women in Protection from Abuse actions. She has been 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 a 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 children and four grandchildren. Ms. Lyons enjoys time with family, singing in secular and non-secular choirs and the practicing the game of golf.

### **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

- 43 years in the practice of law in Bucks County, Pennsylvania
- 14 years as a civil litigator in negligence, commercial, insurance liability and family law
- 29 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 and 2022 and Elected Chairman until 2024.
- 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 8000 cases. She has also provided hundreds of confidential case evaluations for civil litigation attorneys practicing in the tri-county region. She is experienced in disputes regarding, contracts, commercial matters, construction negligence and defects, premises liability, insurance coverage, personal injury, municipal and real estate developments, and the like.

## **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 Publica 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 in the USSR on Law and Economic Development in 1990.
- 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 2016
- VIA Women in Business Leadership Award, Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce, 2013
- Credit Counseling Center of Bucks County Community Service Award 2023

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

**Pennsylvania Bar Association**

**American Bar Association**

**American Bar Foundation, Fellow**

**American Bar Association**

**Advanced Mediation Institute**

**American Bar Association**

**Commission on Women in the  
Profession**

**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 District** 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

