



**PAUL
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Bio

Paul F. Monicatti is the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award. The Distinguished Service Award is given in recognition of significant contributions to the field of dispute resolution. Paul has devoted his career to practicing, teaching, and mentoring in ADR. He started serving as an arbitrator in 1983 and then as a mediator in 1986, pioneering the use of mediation in Michigan. Paul then served in a myriad of roles including, a court-appointed or party-selected mediator, settlement master, arbitrator, facilitator, case evaluator, receiver, expert witness, umpire, and referee.

Paul has served as a neutral in several notable cases with a national scope including, a court-appointed Settlement Master who helped resolve the unprecedented, landmark, Flint, Michigan water contamination remediation case in federal court; the court-appointed Settlement Master who helped resolve the multi-billion-dollar Dow Corning breast implant insurance coverage litigation in state court involving 112 defendants; and the party-selected Mediator who helped resolve the largest fair housing discrimination case in U.S. history.

Paul donated hundreds of hours of his time and expertise to help establish the pro bono early mediation program for pro se prisoner civil rights cases filed in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. He is also the founding member of Mediators Beyond Borders, the co-founder of the International Academy of Mediators, a charter member of the National Academy of Neutrals, and served on the Advisory Board of ACCESS ADR, promoting the advancement of diversity in ADR.