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A trial lawyer at Christovich & Kearney, LLP since 1979, Phelps Gay completed the Basic Mediation Training Seminar in Dallas, Texas in 2002. Before joining The Patterson Resolution Group, he was associated with the mediation/arbitration firm of ADR Inc in Metairie, LA, for ten years. In 2004, Phelps qualified as an arbitrator with the National Association of Securities Dealers (now FINRA), and he has arbitrated numerous claims involving brokerage firms and their clients. He has also arbitrated fee disputes between clients and lawyers as part of the Louisiana State Bar Association's Legal Fee Dispute Resolution Program. In 2012, he completed 42 hours of training in Mediating the Litigated Case offered by the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine University School of Law. In 2013, he became a Certified Neutral with the American Arbitration Association and has since arbitrated disputes under the Commercial, Employment, and Consumer Rules of the AAA.

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

Princeton University, A.B., 1975

Tulane University School of Law, J.D., 1979

Admitted to practice, Louisiana, 1979

Admitted to practice, Texas, 1993

Admitted to practice in all Louisiana federal district courts, the U.S. Fifth and First Circuit Courts of Appeal, and the United States Supreme Court.

Partner and former Managing Partner, Christovich & Kearney, LLP, New Orleans, LA

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS

President, Louisiana State Bar Association, 2000-2001

President, Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel,
2016-2017

Secretary, New Orleans Bar Association, 1997-98

Board of Directors, Pro Bono Project

Executive Committee, A.P. Tureaud Inn of Court

Pro Bono Publico Award, Louisiana State Bar Association, 2005

Board of Directors, Louisiana Supreme Court Historical Society

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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Professional Liability

Admiralty and Maritime Law

Construction

Healthcare Law

Professional Fee Disputes

Professional Ethics Complaints

Casualty Litigation