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Gracella obtained mediation training in the 1990s and subsequently received a certificate from the Harvard Law School Program on Negotiation. She has participated in hundreds of mediations, both as an attorney representing clients and as a mediator.

She has lectured on mediation at the Louisiana State University School of Law and at the Southern University School of Law. She has served as an arbitrator for the Louisiana State Bar Association and has authored an article on mediation titled, "Mediation, a Little History." Gracella practiced law for over 40 years before retiring from active practice to focus exclusively on mediation and arbitration.

Gracella graduated from Louisiana State University School of Law in 1976. She has been a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association, the Baton Rouge Bar Association, Defense Research Institute, and the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel.

She was a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), was a former national board member and served as President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer of the Louisiana chapter of the organization. She regularly was a participant in the Masters in Trial Seminar hosted by this organization.

She is a former member of the LSBA House of Delegates, the LSBA Special Committee on Malpractice Insurance, and the LSBA Lawyer and Judicial Conduct Committee. She has sat as Judge Ad Hoc of the Baton Rouge City Court.

She was admitted to practice in the Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of Louisiana, as well as the United States Supreme Court.

EDUCATION

- **PAUL HEBERT SCHOOL OF LAW, LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY, J.D. 1976**
- **LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY, B.A. 1971**

AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Professional Liability
- Personal Injury
- Products Liability
- Merchants and Premises Liability
- Industrial Accidents
- Trucking
- Nursing Home Litigation

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PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

- Served on the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel
- Served on the National Board of Directors of American Board of Trial Advocates
- Served as President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer of the Louisiana Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates
- Served in the House of Delegates of the Louisiana State Bar Association

HONORS

- AV Preeminent, Martindale Hubbell
- Super Lawyers 2013-2019
- Super Lawyers - Top 25 Women Lawyers in Louisiana 2016
- AVVO rated 10