

Gale Allison C.V. Business Succession Mediator – Tulsa, Oklahoma

**Attorney / Director at Schaffer Herring PLLC | Estate, Family, Elder Care
and Business Succession Mediator**

Schaffer Herring PLLC

University of Tennessee College of Law

Tulsa, Oklahoma

My mediation practice is limited to disputes within my career experience. With four decades of practicing law in estate and trusts, I am uniquely qualified to resolve mediations not only with dollars and cents, but also with tax and trust solutions.

I limit my law practice to the boutique area of estate planning (including business succession planning), trust /estate administration, estate and gift tax defense, probate, guardianship, and resolution of related disputes whether by negotiation, advocacy, mediation or litigation. My favorite part of the practice has always been successfully resolving truly messed up estates and trusts regardless of how the mess was created.

My legal team has in-depth experience in estate and trust administration and thorough experience in creative estate doctoring, which is easing the consequences of non-existent estate planning, poor planning or poorly executed planning.

Through my Schaffer Herring law practice I can field a very experienced team of litigators to efficiently resolve disputes between fiduciaries (trustees, executors, guardians and agents) and beneficiaries or wards and their family members.

Our customized estate and business planning services have addressed estates valued from \$25,000 to \$200,000,000.

My background includes serving as an Assistant General Litigator for HEW, an IRS Estate and Gift Tax Lawyer, and a private practice estate attorney. I also taught estate tax at Northeastern State University and jurisprudence at the University of Tennessee as an Adjunct Professor.

My formal education includes a BA, JD, LLM in Taxation, and certificates in mediating litigated cases and elder care.

I write and blog in my subject areas and present seminars for attorneys, CPAs, financial planners, business groups, and the general public on behalf of charity and professional groups.

Experience

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Attorney and Director

Company Name Schaffer Herring PLLC

Dates Employed Feb 2017 – Present

Employment Duration 9 mos

Location Tulsa, Oklahoma Area

Gale Allison has four decades of estate, business and tax experience as an estate lawyer, dispute mediator and conflict coach. She limits her law practice to matters of probate and estate administration, estate taxes, estate and business succession planning and estate litigation.

She was an Assistant General Counsel for Litigation for the federal health and human services administration and an Estate and Gift Tax Attorney for the IRS before entering private practice. She practiced estate law for large law firms in Tennessee before moving to Oklahoma where she founded The Allison Firm, PLLC in 1996. In that boutique firm, she also limited the practice to matters of estates, wills, trusts, estate and business succession planning, estate-related tax matters, and litigating or settling disputes of those practice areas. As an Adjunct Professor, she taught estate tax law at Northeastern State University and jurisprudence at the University of Tennessee. Ms. Allison recently closed her firm to become a Director and Attorney with SchafferHerring, PLLC.

In addition to her many community and charitable groups, she serves on the St. John Health System Institutional Review Board and the Advisory Board of Purview (life care management), and supports veterans' causes. She speaks nationwide on every facet of estate and business succession matters for professional continuing education, business groups and for general public education.

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Mediator

Company Name Dispute Resolution Consultants, Inc. (DRC)

Dates Employed Feb 2017 – Present

Employment Duration 9 mos

Location Tulsa, OK (services nationwide)

I offer people a way to solve their estate problems out of court, saving court costs, time, publicity and relationships by mediating your

- Disputes between Beneficiaries and Executors, Trustees or other decision makers and caregivers
- Estate Planning Contests
- Will Challenges
- Death Tax Credit Allocations
- Disputed Powers-of-Attorney, Healthcare Proxies, Living Wills, or End-of-Life Choices
- Disputed Adult Guardianships, Care or Living Situations, Benefits or Financial concerns

I've been practicing all facets of estate law for many years. I have a law degree and a master's in tax law. I'm licensed to practice law in all the courts of Oklahoma, Georgia and Tennessee, the federal tax courts and courts of appeal as well as the Supreme Court. I am certified to mediate anywhere in the nation by Pepperdine University's prestigious Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution.

When estate issues are in dispute, people often either sue each other, quarrel or ignore the problems and hope they go away. These "solutions" take months or years, cost a fortune and generally only make the problems worse--destroying relationships while wasting the very inheritances people are fighting to retain.

When you mediate estate disputes, I help you analyze issues and look at what will work for everyone. All parties share in creating the solution, in paying for the mediation, and in carrying out the settlement agreement. It's usually completed in less than a day. Often, it is the first step to restoring relationships. When you are ready to mediate will, trust, estate, elder and inheritance disputes, contact me.

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Managing Attorney and Estate Dispute Mediator

Company Name Allison Firm, PLLC

Dates Employed Oct 1996 – Jan 2017

Employment Duration 20 yrs 4 mos

Location Tulsa, Oklahoma Area

My firm is a boutique law firm exclusively dedicated to estate, trust and business succession matters. Our clients hire us for estate, gift and tax planning, prenuptial agreements, charitable giving, business succession planning/dispute resolution, wills & trusts, probate, and doctoring of incorrectly established estate plans and documents. We are unique in our practice because we also handle litigation of disputes over estate issues, both for plaintiffs or defendants. In addition, I trained as a mediator at Pepperdine University and focus that service exclusively on mediating matters of estate planning, probate, trust, will, and other inheritance disputes.

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Adjunct Professor of Estate Tax Law

Company Name Northeastern State University

Dates Employed Sep 2013 – Dec 2013

Employment Duration 4 mos

Location Broken Arrow, Oklahoma Campus

Taught the legal aspects of estate tax matters to students enrolled in business law courses.

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Special Counsel

Company Name Pray Walker, P.C.

Dates Employed Oct 1995 – Oct 1996

Employment Duration 1 yr 1 mo

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Contract Lawyer

Company Name Estate Consulting

Dates Employed 1994 – 1995

Employment Duration 1 yr

Location Chattanooga, Tennessee Area and Tulsa, Oklahoma Area

Consulted on estate matters for small to large firms doing general practice, estate or tax law

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Partner

Company Name Witt Gaither & Whitaker

Dates Employed 1980 – 1994

Employment Duration 14 yrs

Handled matters of estate and tax law. Also participated in mergers and acquisitions regarding pension-ERISA issues and litigated tax and estate issues.

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Adjunct Professor

Company Name The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Dates Employed Jan 1987 – Apr 1987

Employment Duration 4 mos

Location Chattanooga, Tennessee Area

Taught jurisprudence

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Estate and Gift Tax Lawyer

Company Name Internal Revenue Service

Dates Employed 1979 – 1980

Employment Duration 1 yr

Audited multimillion dollar estate and gift taxes.

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Assistant General Counsel for Litigation

Company Name Department of Health, Education and Welfare

Dates Employed 1976 – 1979

Employment Duration 3 yrs

Location Atlanta, Georgia

Handled court cases defending Agency position regarding black lung and disability cases before federal district courts of eight states and the 4th, 5th and 6th Circuit Courts of Appeal

Education

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University of Tennessee College of Law

Degree Name Doctor of Law

Field Of Study Law

Dates attended or expected graduation 1973 – 1975

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Emory University School of Law

Degree Name Masters of Laws

Field Of Study Taxation

Dates attended or expected graduation 1978 – 1980

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The University of Georgia

Degree Name Bachelor of Arts

Field Of Study English

Dates attended or expected graduation 1970 – 1973

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Pepperdine University Strauss Institute

Degree Name Certified Litigation Mediator And Certified Elder Care Mediator

Field Of Study Mediation

Dates attended or expected graduation 2015 – 2017

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University of Tennessee College of Law

Degree Name Doctor of Law (JD)

Field Of Study Law

Dates attended or expected graduation 1973 – 1975

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University of Tennessee College of Law

Degree Name Doctor of Law (JD)

Field Of Study Law

Dates attended or expected graduation 1973 – 1975