

## About Michael Becker

### **Michael Becker is the most experienced divorce mediator in Fairfield County.**

In his 25-plus years of mediation practice he weaves his legal, accounting, counseling and teaching backgrounds into his mediations, to help clients work out agreements in a calm, civil and private way. Before leading his own mediation practice, Michael was a corporate attorney in New York City.

### **Michael brings a unique combination of training and expertise to his work:**

- He is an attorney, admitted to practice in Connecticut and New York
- He holds a Master's Degree in marriage & family therapy
- He holds an Bachelor's Degree in accounting

**He has been instrumental to the growth of mediation in Connecticut.** Michael was Founding Director and two-time President of the Connecticut Council for Non-Adversarial Divorce. He chaired the Council's Legislative Committee, and served on the Standards and Qualifications Committee — which wrote the first Standards of Practice for Connecticut mediators.

**Michael has contributed to the advancement of mediation as a profession** by supervising mediation interns, assisting in mediation training programs, and providing in-service trainings to mental health agencies.

**Michael has developed and taught graduate-level coursework** at UConn Law School, Quinnipiac University Law School, and Fairfield University's Marriage & Family Therapy Graduate Program.

### **He has been recognized as a leader in the field.**

- Advanced Practitioner, Academy of Professional Family Mediators
- Board of Directors and President, Emeritus, Connecticut Council for Non-Adversarial Divorce
- James W. Cooper Fellow, Connecticut Bar Foundation
- Advisory Board, Founding Member Emeritus, Fairfield University Marriage & Family Therapy Program
- Fellow, American Bar Foundation

**Michael has been featured in numerous legal, counseling, financial and family-related publications,** including *Connecticut Magazine*, *Good Housekeeping*, *the American Journal of Family Law*, *Connecticut Connection* (CT Association for Marriage and Family Therapy), *Financial Planning Magazine*, *the Connecticut Post* and *the Connecticut Family Lawyer*.