



## BIOGRAPHY

# Michael Rust, Esq.

Mediator & Arbitrator · 4+ decades of practice

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Michael Rust has practiced law for 42 years and is a founding partner in the law firm of Gray, Rust, St. Amand, Moffett & Brieske, LP where he is actively engaged in litigation in Georgia state and federal courts. Michael has been lead counsel in numerous jury trials, most involving claims of serious injury or death or significant property damage and has argued numerous appeals in the Georgia Court of Appeals, the Georgia Supreme Court, and the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals. Many of these cases arose out of the construction industry or were related to claims of defective products. He has also been coverage counsel for several large national insurers.

Michael prides himself on his relationships with counsel on both sides of the aisle and was the co-recipient, in 2018, of the inaugural Georgia Trial Lawyers Association and Georgia Defense Lawyers Association Civility and Professionalism Award.

Michael Rust joined Henning Mediation's Panel of Neutrals in 2023.

## AREAS OF EXPERTISE

*Aviation · Construction · Construction (Commercial) · Construction (Negligence)-  
· Construction (Residential) · Contract Disputes · General Liability Insurance --  
Insurance Bad Faith · Insurance Coverage · Personal Injury · Premises Liability --  
Product Liability · Transportation · Trucking · Wrongful Death*

## Professional Experience

- Gray, Rust, St. Amand, Moffett & Brieske, LP (1999 to present)
- Fortson & White/Smith, Howard & Ajax, LP (1984 - 1999)

## Professional Activities

- Atlanta Bar Association, Board Member, Litigation Section (2010-2011), Board Member Atlanta Bar (2011 - 2012)

## RATES

*per party, per hour*

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|-------------|--------------|
| Two party   | <b>\$350</b> |
| Three party | <b>\$315</b> |
| Four party  | <b>\$275</b> |
| Five party  | <b>\$245</b> |

## TRAVEL

Travel outside metro Atlanta is billed at \$125/hour for travel time, plus reasonable transportation, lodging, and meal expenses. A minimum of 8 hearing hours applies to out-of-town matters.

## CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancel or reschedule a mediation more than 14 days out and no fee applies. Within 14 days, a 4-hour charge at the neutral's hourly rate applies to each party, per scheduled date.



- Fellow, American Bar Association

## Honors and Awards

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- Georgia Super Lawyers (2007 - 2024)
- GTLA/GDLA Joint Civility and Professionalism Award (2018)

## Education

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- Emory University (1980)
- Emory University School of Law, Notes and Comments Editor, Emory Law Journal (1983)