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Gray Reed Attorney Certified as AA White Mediator

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(HOUSTON) - Gray Reed & McGraw maritime attorney Shannon Thorne was recently named a certified A.A. White mediator by the University of Houston Law Center. This unique distinction qualifies Shannon to mediate disputes in Texas.

In the last 10 years, Shannon has navigated the often murky waters of marine and energy litigation matters including property damage and insurance coverage. She regularly helps clients with complex marine/energy policy provisions in multi-million dollar maritime contracts and she drafts claims presentations, motions, and pleadings in hydraulic fracturing cases and marine and energy products liability litigation as well as insurance coverage litigation.

The A. A. White Dispute Resolution Center, part of the University of Houston, was organized to foster public awareness and understanding of conflict resolution and the impact of interpersonal disputes on society. The mediation certification process involves 40 hours of training through lecture, discussion, role-play and individual videotape sessions to learn mediation skills. The Dispute Resolution Center has been certifying people since the late 1980's and certifies approximately 60 people each year.

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