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At the beginning of 1994, he retired and subsequently undertook a national due diligence effort, investigating the philosophies, programs, practices, and businesses underpinning mediation and arbitration activities throughout the Nation. After a thorough examination of the ADR landscape in throughout the Nation, Mr. McCammon founded The McCammon Group, Ltd. in 1995 to provide Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) services initially in Virginia. Throughout his career, Mr. McCammon was fortunate to have been positioned to observe the emergence and development of ADR.

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