**Dr. Barbara Sunderland Manousso  
Brief Bio**

Dr. [Barbara Sunderland Manousso](http://mediation@manousso.us/), Ph.D., M.P.H. and CEO of [Manousso Mediation and Arbitration, LLC](http://www.manousso.us/), has been an author, mediation arbitration trainer, and professor of *Global Conflict Management* at the University of St. Thomas. She was recognized by the Texas Association of Mediators as the top Texas mediator for 2019. In 2018, she was recognized for a *Lifetime Achievement Award* in Mediation by the Association for Conflict Resolution and in 2018 the Houston Business Journal recognized her as a *Woman Who Means Business* and a Professional Business Mentor. Moreover, since 1972 she has been recognized as an entrepreneur, she was Rhode Island’s Outstanding Small Business Owner by the United States White House. She has been listed in the *Marquis Who’s Who in the World* since 1982. In 2010, she was recognized as *One of Fifty Most Influential Women in Houston*. In 1992, the government of Suez, Egypt, recognized her with a humanity award.

Since 1993, she has been a Texas Distinguished Credentialed Mediator. Her work in the field of alternative dispute resolution worldwide has been in training mediators, as well as practicing as a mediator, arbitrator, ombudsman, facilitator, negotiator, conflict resolution coach, and author. She is also a Fellow of the World Mediation Organization.

Dr. Manousso has recently lectured in Shanghai, China; Bangkok, Thailand; Goa, India; Halifax, Canada; Ireland; and New Zealand. Students come from around the world to take her trainings in Houston. A former president of the Association of Conflict Resolution Houston chapter, she is internationally recognized as a leader and mentor in the field of mediation.  She was the 2016 and 2017 Chair of the Association for Conflict Resolution International for the Education, Research, and Training Section and serves on the international ACR Standards Committee for Elder Care Mediation Training. She has served as the international chair in past years for health care and workplace sections.

Her baccalaureate was from Brown University; Master of Public Health, from the University of Texas School of Public Health; and Ph.D., from Nova Southeastern University.  She is a member of the University of Texas Consortium on Aging, is president of the Houston Gerontological Society, Brown University Alumni, and the University of Texas School of Public Health Alumni association. She attended South Texas College of Law in Houston.

Dr. Manousso serves at the request of the Texas governor as a commissioner on medical and insurance boards.

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