



## Biography

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### **Lowell Cannaday**

Partner/Founder  
Cannaday and Associates  
Mediation Services

*Lowell Cannaday*, a Native Texan, received his formal education in the Houston, Texas school system followed by the attainment of a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy with minor studies in Religion, from Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

He began his career in policing in November of 1966, with the Dallas Police Department and worked his way through the ranks to the position of Assistant Chief of Police.

Over 20 of the 28 years he served with the Dallas Police Department were in command level positions, with assignments ranging from Field Operations, Special Operations, Traffic, Public Information, Planning and Research to Youth and Family Crimes.

In these assignments, Lowell created the department's Gang Unit, managed the development of the Children's Advocacy Center directed the Total Quality Management and Long Range Strategic Plan development and served as the department's Labor Relations Liaison. In August of 1994, Lowell assumed command of the Irving Police Department, an organization of 300 plus police officers and 100 plus civilians, serving a city of nearly 200,000 citizens.

In response to the growing incidence of family crime and abuse, he formed the Domestic Violence Unit and later secured funds for and oversaw the construction and implementation of the Irving Family Advocacy Center.

He co-founded the Irving Police Foundation and guided the development of the Annual Irving Police Awards Banquet, honoring excellence in police work by the members of the Irving Police Department.

He has served on the Boards of the Irving/Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce (Chaired "Leadership Irving"), the Irving Family Advocacy Center, the Irving

Police Foundation, the Irving Infant Intervention Center and Crossroads Interfaith Ministries.

During his 38 years of police service he received over 2500 hours of professional training, and is a graduate of the prestigious Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy and the Command and Management College of the Institute for Law Enforcement Administration.

Lowell has received certifications in Basic Mediation, Advanced Mediation, Transformative Mediation and Arbitration, and is a member of the State Bar of Texas Alternative Dispute Resolution Section.

Following his retirement from the Irving Police Department in October of 2004, Lowell and his wife Rose formed a partnership, Cannaday and Associates Mediation Services. Additionally, Lowell is a Law Enforcement Consultant to LETN, LEMS and AccuChem Labs. In June of 2005, Lowell was elected to the Irving City Council, Place 5.