## JoAnna Williamson



JoAnna Williamson is both an educator and the parent of a student with learning differences. She has been an attorney for more than 20 years, and has more than 30 years of experience as a communication professional.

JoAnna has been a regularly-requested speaker and instructor at local, regional, and national conferences, schools, companies, events, and spiritual gatherings, on topics related to both interpersonal and organizational communication strategies. She has conducted and presented extensive research and training on communication facilitation and parent-teacher communication strategies.

JoAnna has studied dispute resolution through the Straus Institute of Dispute Resolution at the Pepperdine University School of Law in Malibu, California; the Capital University Law School conferences for Minority Professionals in Alternative Dispute Resolution; the Ohio Department of Education; Community Mediation Services of Central Ohio, and the Duke Center for Reconciliation at Duke Divinity School in Durham, North Carolina.

JoAnna holds a Ph.D. in Strategic Communication from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a Juris Doctor degree from Capital University Law School, and Master of Business Administration (MBA) and Bachelor of Arts in Journalism degrees from The Ohio State University.

JoAnna has facilitated student-teacher interaction in her current role as Program Chair of the Master of Science in Marketing & Communication Program at Franklin University in Columbus, Ohio, where she also serves as Chair of the Department of Management and Marketing. She has previously held the positions of Executive-in-Residence and Visiting Assistant Professor of Marketing in the College of Business at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, and adjunct professor in the Business Programs Department at Columbus State Community College. She has served in senior-level communication-related positions in the corporate, non-profit, and entrepreneurial sectors.