

# ALAN S. APTE, ESQ.

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## OBJECTIVE

*Mediate First, Inc.* provides Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) services Mediation for Civil matters.

*Florida Mediation and Arbitration, LLC* provides Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) services Mediation for Family matters.

Florida Supreme Court Certified Family, Circuit, County, & Appellate Mediator; Arbitration Trained Certified United States District Court Mediator, Middle District of Florida

## EMPLOYMENT

<b>MEDIATOR</b>	2024 - PRESENT
<i>Mediate First, Inc.</i>	<i>Orlando, Florida</i>

<b>MEDIATOR/OWNER AND MANAGER</b>	2021 - PRESENT
<i>Florida Mediation and Arbitration, LLC</i>	<i>Orlando, Florida</i>

<b>CIRCUIT JUDGE</b>	2003 - 2021
<i>Ninth Judicial Circuit</i>	<i>Orlando, Florida</i>

Presided over more than 100 jury trials along with countless non-jury trials and evidentiary hearings. Served in every division – Family, Unified Family (UFC), Domestic Violence, Civil/Probate/Guardianship/Mental Health, Criminal, Delinquency, Dependency, and Juvenile Drug Court. Served as an Associate Judge at the Fifth District Court of Appeal (5th DCA).

<b>ASSISTANT STATE ATTORNEY</b>	1993 - 1996, 1998 - 2002
<i>State Attorney Office, 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit</i>	<i>Orlando, Florida</i>

Represented the State of Florida in criminal cases. First chaired more than 100 jury trials and over 100 non-jury trials plus countless evidentiary hearings.

<b>ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY</b>	1996 - 1997
<i>Gilbride, Heller, and Brown, P.A.</i>	<i>Miami, Florida</i>

Represented corporate and individual clients in civil matters - personal injury, nursing home, accountant liability, home owner association, creditor/debtor, special master, malpractice, and family. Represented individual clients in criminal court.

## EDUCATION

<b>JURIS DOCTORATE</b>	1990 - 1993
<i>Shepard Broad Law Center (Nova University)</i>	<i>Davie, Florida</i>

<b>BACHELOR OF ARTS IN CHEMISTRY (MINORS COMPUTER SCIENCE AND FINE ART)</b>	1987 - 1989
<i>University of Miami</i>	<i>Davie, Florida</i>

<b>CHEMISTRY MAJOR</b>	1985 - 1987
<i>Emory University</i>	<i>Atlanta, Georgia</i>

<b>FINE ART</b>	1982 - 1985
<i>Miami Dade Community College (High School Dual Enrollment)</i>	<i>Miami, Florida</i>

<b>HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA</b>	1981 - 1985
<i>Miami Beach Senior High</i>	<i>Miami Beach, Florida</i>