



Brenda J. Newman, Esq. Mediator/Arbitrator

After nearly 30 years of litigation and trial practice, Ms. Newman decided to dedicate her full-time efforts to helping others reach amicable resolutions to their litigation and pre-suit issues. Brenda believes the best mediators have a breadth of experience, and this experience and knowledge helps each side understand the strengths and weakness of a client's position. Ms. Newman's depth of knowledge also provides keen insights to issues raised in binding and non-binding arbitrations.

After obtaining her law degree, Ms. Newman worked for a large corporate bank in South Florida gaining experience in corporate, commercial and banking litigation. Brenda moved to Central Florida and continued her litigation and trial experience in state and federal courts while working with the late Norman Hull (of Russell and Hull, P.A.) and with the late O.B. McEwan (of Sanders, McEwan, Martinez, Luff and Dukes). Ms. Newman was of counsel to Kilgore, Pearlman, Stamp, Ornstein and Squires, P.A. for nearly 14 years, a partner with Alvarez, Winthrop, Thompson and Storey, P.A. and the highest-level trial attorney for the Construction Defect Division of Nationwide Insurance in Orlando, FL.

Professional Education and Qualifications

- Bachelor of Arts ~ University of Miami, Coral Gables, Fla., 1985. Major: Philosophy. Minor: Political Science. Recipient of the Anne Popiel Scholarship for Academic Excellence.
- Juris Doctor ~ University of Miami School of Law, 1989. Recipient of the American Jurisprudence Award in Legal Ethics.
- AV Preeminent rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- Member of the National Association of Distinguished Neutrals
- Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Court Mediator
- Florida Supreme Court Certified Appellate Mediator
- Certified U.S. District Court Mediator, Middle District of Florida
- Certified U.S. District Court Mediator, Southern District of Florida
- Florida Supreme Court qualified Arbitrator

Membership, Professional and Civic Associations

- Florida Bar 1989
- U.S. District Court, Southern and Middle Districts of Florida, 1990
- United States Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit, 1993
- Supreme Court of the United States, 1993
- Orange County Bar Association (Former Co-chair of Construction Litigation Section, 2018-2019)

- Central Florida Association for Women Lawyers
- Provided numerous CLE lectures and seminars on arbitration and mediation.
- Guest speaker for Orange County Bar Association and various law firms
- Adjunct professor at Rollins College (Legal Studies), 1994-1995

Case Experience

- Appellate
- Automotive
- Aviation
- Banking & Finance
- Bankruptcy/Creditors
- Class Actions
- Commercial/Business
- Condominiums
- Construction
- Consumer Fraud
- Contract Disputes
- Debt Collections
- Discrimination
- EEOC
- Elder Abuse
- Employment
- Family Businesses
- Franchise
- Health Care
- Insurance
- Landlord/Tenant
- Legal Malpractice
- Lemon Law
- Libel & Slander
- Media & Communications
- Medical Devices
- Medical Malpractice
- Mortgage Foreclosure
- Natural Disasters
- Nursing Homes
- Partnerships
- Personal Injury

- Pharmaceuticals
- Premises Liability
- Probate
- Product Liability
- Professional Fees
- Professional Liability
- Professional Malpractice
- Professional Negligence
- Property Damage
- Railroad & Trucking
- Sexual Harassment
- Shareholder Disputes
- Title Disputes
- Torts
- Transportation
- Trusts / Estates
- Unfair Competition
- Wage & Hour/FMLA
- Wrongful Death

Brenda has been listed by Orlando Home and Leisure Publication as “Top Lawyer” (2011-2015).

Brenda is trilingual and speaks conversational Portuguese and Spanish.