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DISTINGUISHED NEUTRALS

Why I choose to Mediate

Before entering law school, I earned degrees in Psychology and Political Science because I was interested in the humanity involved in both. While the law itself was created to protect and promote humanity, the process of litigation can often feel uncompassionate. Legal battles can be emotionally, psychically, even physically brutal to the people involved. Mediation is a solid union of the better aspects of the law and the intrinsically cooperative nature of people.

As a litigator and a mediator, I am proud to bring my experience and training into an arena where solutions can be found and resolutions made with minimal heartache, acrimony and turmoil.

Biography

I graduated cum laude in 1982 from Loyola University with degrees in both Political Science and Psychology. I immediately enrolled in Tulane School of Law and in 1985 obtained my law degree. I practiced law in New Orleans until 1988 when I relocated to Florida and joined a law firm specializing in civil litigation. In 1992 I became a shareholder in the firm that was then known as Frost & O'Toole, P.A.

I am an AV-rated lawyer, the highest rating established by Martindale Hubbel, the agency that provides attorneys' ratings throughout the United States. I am Board-Certified by The Florida Bar as a Civil Trial Lawyer and in Business Litigation. This distinction is held by less than 2% of lawyers within the state of Florida, and by only 6 lawyers in Polk County. I am also Board-Certified in Civil Trial Advocacy by the National Board of Trial Advocacy (NBTA); an Associate member of the American Board of Trial

Advocates; certified as a mediator by the Florida Supreme Court; and a member of the Florida Academy of Professional Mediators, Inc.

I am admitted to practice law in Florida, Louisiana and the District of Columbia, as well as before the United States District Courts and the Courts of Appeal within these states.

Memberships and Affiliations

- Past President of Wilson American Inns of Court, an invitation-only group of judges and lawyers dedicated to returning civility to the practice of law
- Member, Board of Directors of the Polk County Trial Lawyers Association
- Former member of the Executive Committee of the Trial Lawyers Section of The Florida Bar
- Former Chairman and an annual lecturer at the Florida Board Certification Review Course
- Member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum
- Member of the National Institute of Trial Advocacy
- Member of the American Association for Justice
- Member with Eagle status in the Florida Justice Association
- Associate member of The American Board of Trial Advocates

Rates

2 Party Mediation: \$200.00 per party/per hour

3 Party Mediation: \$150.00 per party/per hour

4 Party (or more) Mediation: \$125.00 per party/per hour

\$95.00 Administrative Fee per party