

Carol S. Cope

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Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Civil Mediator
Federal Mediator: U.S. Southern District Court of Florida

MEDIATION EXPERIENCE:

Business/Commercial; Personal Injury/Torts; Banking; Construction; Employment; Estate/Probate/Trusts; Insurance; Intellectual Property; Maritime/Admiralty; Professional Liability; Real Estate

Carol S. Cope is a respected and experienced dispute resolution professional practicing ADR for the past 20 years. She has successfully mediated hundreds of cases in state and federal courts covering a wide range of disputes, including acting as a sole mediator in multi-million dollar contract disputes. Cope has earned a reputation of being knowledgeable, well prepared, efficient, and effective.

A former federal law clerk, Cope is currently serving as vice-chair of the Federal Mediation Advisory Committee for the United States Southern District of Florida. She also served her alma mater, University of Miami School of Law, as Assistant Dean for External Affairs for nearly 10 years. She is the author of three nationally published non-fiction books.

Cope has been certified by the Florida Supreme Court as a Circuit/Civil mediator since 1990 and is listed as a federal mediator by the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

Cope combines nearly 10 years of commercial litigation practice with her education and experience as a psychologist to assist her in working with litigants and counsel in reaching mutually satisfactory resolutions to vigorously contested matters.

EDUCATION:

University of Miami School of Law, Juris Doctor, Magna cum laude, 1980

Member, University of Miami Law Review

Western Michigan University, B.A. 1966, English and Psychology

University of Michigan, M.A. 1970, Psychology

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Member, The Florida Bar
- Member, Trial Bar, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
- Law Clerk to the Hon. Sidney M. Aronovitz (deceased), U. S. District Court, Southern District of Florida, 1980-1982
- Speaker, ABA-ADR Conference, Miami, 2014
- Speaker, "Using ADR to Prioritize Disputes in Trusts and Estates," sponsored by Florida Bar Association Section in ADR and RPPTL, 2013
- "A View from the End of the Table" – A Discussion in Mediation, Presidents Showcase, Featured Speaker, June 2010

- Named “Elite Mediator,” Florida Trend, 2007
- Vice-Chair, Federal Mediation Advisory Committee, United States District Court, Southern District of Florida
- Assistant Dean for External Affairs and Director, Center for Continuing Legal Education; Adjunct Professor, Mediation Seminar, University of Miami School of Law, Coral Gables, Florida, 1998-2007
- Member, The Florida Bar, International Law Section, ADR Section Executive Council, Business Law Section, RPPTL Section
- Member, American Bar Association, Section of Dispute Resolution
- Member; Federal Bar Association, Intellectual Property Section, Employment Section
- Member, Florida Association for Women Lawyers
- Member, Dade County Bar Association
- Judged numerous mediation and negotiation competitions for Schools of Law at University of Miami and Florida International University
- Attorney/Shareholder, Litigation Department, Stearns, Weaver, Miller, Weissler, Alhadeff & Sitterson, P.A., Miami, Florida, 1986-1989
- Associate, Litigation Department, Arky, Freed, Stearns, Watson & Greer, P.A., Miami, Florida, 1982-1986
- Psychologist, seven years practice as a school psychologist