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PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Mediation

Certified Circuit Civil and Federal Court Mediator. Graduate of Harvard Law School Mediation Program (1999) and graduate of Harvard Law School Advanced Mediation Program (2001). Elected by Florida Bar members as a top mediator honoree in *Florida Trend's* Florida Legal Elite in 2007. Certified as an arbitrator under Florida Supreme Court guidelines. Lecturer for The Florida Bar on mediation topics. Member of Florida Academy of Professional Mediators.

Has mediated over 2,200 civil claims, including complex, multi-party suits and substantial damage claims in both state and federal court. Emphasis on commercial litigation, employment suits, construction claims, and personal injury actions.

Legal

Member of The Florida Bar since 1979. Also member of The Federal Bar, including Middle District of Florida (1979), Southern District of Florida (1982), and United States Supreme Court (1985). Martindale-Hubbell rating - AV.

Over 29 years of civil trial experience, with emphasis on commercial litigation, complex civil suits, and construction claims in both state and federal court. Former litigation partner with large, international law firm handling construction litigation, business torts, commercial suits, contract litigation, employment suits, personal injury, lender liability claims, suits on non-competition agreements, construction lien suits and surety claims, real estate actions and general trial practice. Handled multiple successful appeals before the Florida District Courts of Appeal, the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court.

EDUCATION

University of North Carolina (B.A. 1975 [top 1%]; J.D. awarded 1978 [top 10%]) Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Eta Sigma, American Jurisprudence Awards.

No charge for travel time for full day mediations. Fees: \$175/hr assessed to each party for two party mediations/arbitrations; \$140/hr assessed to each party in three or more "negotiating party" mediations/arbitrations.