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Chris A. Barker is certified by the Florida Supreme Court as a Circuit-Civil Mediator and is now available to mediate state and federal court matters in all areas of civil and commercial law, including personal injury, premises liability, labor and employment issues, workers' compensation, securities, class actions, commercial/business disputes, and contract litigation. He is a member of the Florida Academy of Professional Mediators and the Florida Circuit-Civil Mediator Society and the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals. Mediations can be conducted at our offices in downtown Tampa, or at any other location convenient to the parties or counsel.

Mr. Barker is a member of the Bar of the State of Alabama and the State of Florida. He is admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court; the U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit; the U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Middle and Southern Districts of Florida; and, the U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Middle and Southern Districts of Alabama. Mr. Barker has been honored with the highest possible rating of "AV" by Martindale-Hubbell, the preeminent, national directory of attorneys.

Mr. Barker's mediation practice is supported by his diverse and varied legal background filled with practical experience in many different areas civil and commercial law. He has tried over 100 cases in both federal and state courts, conducted arbitrations and workers' compensation hearings, and has handled appeals in both federal and state courts. He has also served as lead or liaison counsel in numerous class actions involving various areas of law such as securities fraud, consumer protection, deceptive and unfair trade practices and products liability. Mr. Barker has also lectured throughout Florida and Alabama on numerous topics including employment rights, law enforcement, personal injury litigation, financial institution compliance, and claim adjusting.

Mr. Barker Co-Authored the Florida Practice Handbook, Damages, Volumes 1 and 2; Florida Practice Handbook, Settlement and Release, Contribution and Indemnity with Forms; Florida Practice Handbook, Workers' Compensation With Forms, Volumes 1 and 2; and, Survey of State Class Action Law, American Bar Association, Litigation Section which is now included within in the leading treatise on class action law, Newberg on Class Actions.

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