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Biographical

Mr. Caparello has maintained a mediation practice since 1992. His cases range from personal injury disputes to multi-day, multi-party, complex commercial, class action, construction, professional negligence and other significant litigation matters. He has served on the Board of the American College of Civil Trial Mediators and served as President of the College (2013-2015). Mr. Caparello is the recipient of the College's 2015 National Distinguished Fellow Award.

Mr. Caparello holds an "av" rating by Martindale-Hubbel reflecting the highest distinction available for legal ability ethical standards, professionalism and diligence. He has mediated throughout Florida and other states, and has appeared in all levels of trial and appellate courts including the Florida Supreme Court and Florida federal courts.

Membership & Affiliations

Mr. Caparello is a past elected member of the Board of Governors of the Florida Bar (2005-2010), the governing body for all attorneys licensed in the state of Florida. He frequently lectures on ADR issues to the Florida Bar, Florida State University Law School and various professional organizations. He has been elected into the American Board of Trial Advocacy as an Advocate, and the President of ABOTA Tallahassee Chapter.

He has served as a member of the Executive Council and Chairman of the Florida Bar's Trial Lawyers Section. Mr. Caparello has been recognized by Florida Trend Magazine in its top 1.6% listing of Florida attorneys as well as one of Florida's legal elite attorneys in arbitration and mediation. In addition, he has been selected for inclusion into U.S. News and World Reports. Best Lawyers in America, and is listed in the publication "Super Lawyer" and in "The Guide to Leading Florida Attorneys" in the areas of ADR and Trial Practice.

Mr. Caparello has been selected into the International Who's Who of Mediation Lawyers. The selection was based on the opinions and input of international law firm clients, corporate counsel and mediation specialists from the United States and around the world. Forty seven United States mediators were selected and Mr. Caparello was one of only five from the state of Florida. The publication of the International Who's Who of Mediation Lawyers is affiliated with the American Bar Association Section of International Law, and the International Bar Association.

Types of Cases Mediated

ADA Disability

Agricultural

Aviation

Banking & Finance

Business Civil

Rights Class

Actions

Commercial/Business

Condominium

Construction

Consumer Fraud

Contracts

Employment

Environmental

Governmental

Health Care

Insurance

Medical

Nursing Home

Personal Injury

Probate

Products Liability

Professional Malpractice

Property

Receivership Qui Tam

Trademark/Patents/AntiTrust

Background

Mr. Caparello's litigation and extensive mediation practices range from plaintiff and defense personal injury, professional negligence, employment Jaw, public body liability and various aspects of commercial litigation. He has handled litigation and mediations in numerous Florida cities as well as other states. He has appeared in all levels of trial and appellate court, including the Florida Supreme Court and is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court and all federal courts in Florida.

Education/Training

Mr. Caparello was admitted to the Florida Bar in 1976. He received his B.S. from the University of Massachusetts in 1969; his M.S. in Oceanography from Florida State University in 1972, and his Juris Doctor with honors at Florida State University in 1975.

Practicing in Florida