

Professional Summary

Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Civil Mediator and Qualified Arbitrator with 30+ years of experience helping parties resolve complex, high-value disputes, including aviation, maritime, catastrophic injury, commercial, and property damage matters. Trained in negotiation and conflict resolution (Columbia University, M.S.), with a practical, well-prepared approach focused on informed decision-making and efficient resolution. Bilingual in English and Spanish.

Professional Experience

Bridgepoint ADR, LLC. | Founder, Mediator & Arbitrator | Miami, Florida | 2025 – present

- Conduct mediations and non-binding arbitrations across Florida and nationally in complex civil disputes, including aviation, maritime, catastrophic injury, product liability, commercial, and property damage matters
- Known for thorough pre-session preparation, structured negotiation design, and practical resolution strategies tailored to institutional stakeholders
- Offer bilingual (English/Spanish) mediations, with culturally competent, trauma-informed communication when appropriate

Montoya Law, P.A. | Founder & Trial Attorney | Miami, Florida | 1999 – present

- Led litigation and trial strategy in high-stakes matters, providing the courtroom and case-evaluation experience that informs neutral work
- Managed 30+ jury and non-jury trials and significant aviation matters governed by international treaties
- Supervised and mentored attorneys, clerks, and staff in litigation and ADR processes

Education & Specialized Training

Juris Doctor, Vermont Law School, South Royalton, VT, 1992 – Phi Delta Phi Honor Society

Master of Science, Negotiation & Conflict Resolution, Columbia University, New York, NY, 2023 – GPA: 4.23/4.33

Bachelor of Arts, Economics & Political Science, Florida International University, Miami, FL, 1987

Certifications & Admissions

- United States District Court, Middle District of Florida, 2023
- United States District Court Certified Mediator, Middle District of Florida, 2023
- Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit and County Court Mediator, 39284CR, 2021 (Civil) and 2024 (County)
- Certified Spanish Speaker, American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, 2021
- The District of Columbia Bar Association, 2020
- The United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit, 2003
- United States District Court, Southern District of Florida, 1993
- The Florida Bar, 1993

Professional Engagements

- *Mediation Law 1422.01 Spr 24, Guest speaker, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University (2024)*
- *Hispanic Voices in Law: Panel & Discussion*, Florida State University College of Law, Hispanic Student Association, September 26th, 2023
- *Mediation Mastery, Navigating the Personal Injury Case*, Florida Bar Continuing Legal Education, September 12th, 2023
- *An Evening with Beth Fisher Yoshida*, May 4th, 2023, Moderator
- *Topics on International Aviation Law*, national attorneys, Jakarta, Indonesia, 2015 & 2019
- *Florida Civil Procedure*, National Association of Legal Assistants, Miami Florida, 2001 & 2004
- *Issues on American Law*, Hotel Bogota Plaza, Bogota, Colombia, 2000
- *Aviation Disasters*, The Florida Bar Aviation Committee, Orlando, Florida 1999

Representative Matters (Selected)

Aviation and Air Disaster Litigation - Experience in multiple international aviation incidents, including matters involving major U.S. and international carriers, with cases resolved through confidential settlements and adjudicated outcomes.

Products Liability and Mass Tort Litigation - Experience in complex product-defect and mass-tort litigation, with matters resolved through confidential settlements.

Catastrophic Injury and Transportation Litigation - Experience in high-exposure injury and transportation cases (including aviation-related incidents), resolved through negotiated settlements and tried outcomes where necessary.

Premises and Other Complex Liability Matters - Experience resolving premises, commercial, and other complex liability disputes through negotiation and ADR.

Honors & Recognitions

- Diplomate member, The National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals, 2026 – present
- A.V. Preeminent rated by Martindale.com, 2002 – present
- Best Lawyers by U.S. News, Top Products Liability Attorney, 2018 – present
- Best Law Firms by U.S. News, 2021- present
- Super Lawyers, Florida Super Lawyer, 2018 – present
- Top 10 Aviation Attorney by The National Trial Lawyers Association, 2017 – present

Languages & Interests

- Fluent in English and Spanish
- Skiing, racquetball, tennis, and martial arts
- Reading, analysis, research, critical thinking, and writing