

MEDIATION & ARBITRATION CURRICULUM VITAE
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Education: J.D. Degree received from John Marshall Law School, Chicago, IL - 1979

State Licensing: Admitted to Florida, Illinois, and Pennsylvania Bars, 1980
Admitted to the Colorado Bar, 1998
Real Estate Salesperson License, Florida, 2002
Life, Health and Variable Annuity License, Florida, 2002

Board Certification: Board Certified Civil Trial Attorney, Florida - 1989
Board Certified Circuit/County Civil Mediator, Florida - 1991
Insurance Mediator, Florida - 1991
Board Certified Family Mediator, Florida - 1992
Certified State and Federal Arbitrator, Florida - 1994
Board Certified in Business Litigation, Florida - 1995
Board Certified Appellate Mediator – 2000
Certified Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Mediator – 2010
Member of the Panel of Neutrals, American Arbitration Association
Member of The Florida Academy of Professional Mediators
Member of The Florida Circuit-Civil Mediator Society

Nature of Practice: Forty-One (41) years of trial practice experience in all areas of civil litigation including personal injury (both plaintiff and defense), first and third party insurance claims, owner-contractor construction disputes, employment law, and general civil corporate matters. As a former insurance claims adjuster, as well as an independent adjuster prior to law school, I have had considerable experience in bodily injury and wrongful death claims handling. My current practice consists of both plaintiff and defense litigation.

Other experience has included business and construction litigation; insurance and property damage claims; as well as Mediating hundreds of disputes between unit owners, developers, contractors, and Condominium Associations (pursuant to F.S. 718) and Homeowners Associations (pursuant to F.S. 720). Of these, many of the cases have involved Windstorm and Flood damage claims, as well as mold remediation and general repairs secondary to the Hurricane Season of 2004. Experience also includes Mediating Eminent Domain issues (pursuant to F.S. 73).

Fee Schedule: The hourly rate is \$375.00 for two party Arbitrations/Mediations, \$400.00 for three party Arbitrations/Mediations, and \$450.00 for four party Arbitrations/Mediations. For any Arbitration/Mediation in excess of four parties, the rate will be \$100.00 per party per hour. Rate is inclusive of travel time, which is equally split among the participating parties.