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**ARBITRATOR/MEDIATOR/SPECIAL MASTER**

Dispute Resolution // Advanced Legal Expertise // Analytical Thinking // Interpersonal Communication

Alternative Dispute Neutral committed to impartiality, excellence, and integrity with over 22 years of combined judicial experience as a trial and appellate judge; and 10 years' experience as a neutral arbitrator/mediator/special master. Selected to serve as the sole, chair and/or panel member for approximately 200 arbitrations involving, but not limited to, the following type matters: International ADMIRALTY/MARITIME TORT Claims; BANKING; CONTRACTUAL-complex general commercial disputes, the largest of which to date has involved a forty-three million dollar claim and counterclaim between a Florida hospital and the wholly owned subsidiary of a London-based international pharmaceutical manufacturer; EMPLOYMENT-discrimination, trade secrets, restrictive covenants, wrongful discharge, ERISA, benefits, sexual harassment, etc.; FRANCHISE-breach of trademark, non-compete provisions, unfair and deceptive trade practice act violations, Robinson-Patman Act violations, exclusivity provisions, failure to use proprietary products, etc.; HEALTHCARE-payor/payee and managed care issues, fair hearings, medical billing/reimbursement disputes, ERISA, etc.; INSURANCE-bad-faith claims, the largest of which to date has involved a sixty-five million claim; business interruption/property loss, agency/broker issues; claims management practices, claims service agreements, large deductible/self-insured retention programs, premium/collateral obligations, insurance regulatory matters, insurance coverage, directors & officers insurance, ERISA, fiduciary liability insurance, mortgage insurance, worker compensation insurance, fidelity insurance, professional liability insurance, errors and omissions insurance, allocation of loss among multiple insurers, primary/excess issues, trigger issues and number of occurrences, exhaustion of policy limits, toxic torts and hazardous wastes coverage, professional liability coverage, and employer liability coverage; INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY-copyright, trademark infringement, piracy and fair use issues; REAL ESTATE-brokerage, commissions, appraisals, acquisitions, sales leases, mortgages, and title insurance; SECURITIES-suitability, diversification, risks assumed and broker disputes; and WAREHOUSING AND DISTRIBUTION DISPUTES. Has mediated more than 200 general civil matters including, but not limited to, disputes involving commercial, bankruptcy Ponzi scheme, constitutional voters' right issue, foreclosure actions, employment, healthcare, tort, insurance, real estate, and franchise matters. The largest of such mediations to date has resulted in the settlement of a multimillion-dollar deficiency judgment dispute between various Latin American partnerships/corporate entities and a Florida financial institution.

*Admitted to:* Florida Bar; United States Supreme Court

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**ADR QUALIFICATIONS**

Arbitrator/Mediator: American Arbitration Association (Consumer; Commercial; Employment; Franchise; Healthcare; ICDR; Large Complex Panels); FINRA; and American Health Lawyers Association  
Federal Mediator, U. S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida  
Fee Dispute Arbitrator: The Florida Bar  
Florida Fifth District Court of Appeal Certified Mediator  
Florida Supreme Court Certified Appellate Mediator  
Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Civil Mediator  
Florida Supreme Court Qualified Arbitrator  
Investigator/Prosecutor for Mediator Grievances- Florida Dispute Resolution Center (2011-2017)  
Judicial Settlement Conference Judge-American Arbitration Association  
Mortgage Foreclosure Mediator-Bankruptcy Court, U.S. District Court for Middle District of FL  
Special Magistrate

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**ADR DEVELOPMENT**

American Arbitration Association Neutrals Conference (2019)

AAA Healthcare Dispute Resolution Innovation & Strategy Conference-Panelist (2014)

American Health Lawyers Association Webinar, Healthcare Arbitration (2013)  
Annual International Litigation & Arbitration Conference, Miami, FL (2013)  
Annual Conference for Mediators and Arbitrators, Florida Dispute Resolution Center (2012) (2008)  
Annual Conference for AAA Arbitrators (2019), (2016), (2010), (2009)  
"Arbitration Awards: Safeguarding, Deciding & Writing an Award" - AAA (2009)  
Arbitration Fundamentals and Best Practices for New AAA Arbitrators (2008)  
Arbitration Training, American Health Lawyers Association (2009)  
American Arbitration Association, Award Writing Webinar (2013)  
"Art of Ethical & Effective Mediation" (2019)  
"Award Writing-Avoid Vacatur and Look Good", ABA Section of Dispute Resolution (2013)  
"California International Arbitration Summit" (2016)-AAA/ICDR  
"Current Issues in Employment Arbitration: Fairness Act of 2009 Legislation and Recent Court Decisions  
Ace 20-"Cyber Security-A Shared Responsibility" (2019"  
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Training Seminar: "Employment Discrimination" (2009)  
"Ethical Aspects to Consider While Building Arbitration Practice", ABA (2013)  
Fee Dispute Arbitrator-The Florida Bar  
Florida's Fifth District Court of Appeal Appellate Mediation Training Session (2008)  
Florida Supreme Court Approved Arbitration Training (2008)  
Florida Supreme Court Circuit Civil Mediation Training (2008)  
ICDR International Symposia in Advanced Case Management Issues (2014)  
"Mediating Residential Mortgage Foreclosures in Bankruptcy Proceedings" (2013)  
National Academy of Arbitrators Conference (2009)  
National Academy of Arbitrators Conference - Southeast Region (2010), (2009)  
Public Employment Annual Labor Relations Forum (2009)  
Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Training (2010)  
The Sedona Conference: E-Discovery Dispute Resolution Program for Special Masters (2010)  
Sports Law Webinar, National Business Institute (2013)  
"You Mean HIPPA Applies to Lawyers? Keeping Data Safe, Clients Happy and Your License  
Secure"-ABA Webinar (2014)

## EDUCATION

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**Juris Doctor** • University of Miami School of Law, Coral Gables, FL

**Bachelor of Science** • Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

## EXPERIENCE

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Arbitrator, Mediator, & Special Master/Magistrate, MELVIA B. GREEN, P.A., Tampa, FL 2009-Present

SELF-EMPLOYED ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE NEUTRAL: Serves as Arbitrator, Mediator, and Special Master/Magistrate.

District Judge, FLORIDA THIRD DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL, Miami, FL 1994 - 2008

GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT: Reviewed and analyzed decisions from trial courts and administrative tribunals for legal correctness. Evaluated legal briefs and presided over oral arguments. Authored approximately 1,000 signed and unsigned published opinions.

Circuit Judge, Florida Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Miami, FL 1989 - 1994

GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT: Presided over a high volume of jury and non-jury trials, which involved, but were not limited to, business and professional torts, contract and complex commercial actions, class actions, employment disputes, health-related litigation,



professional malpractice, construction litigation, state RICO actions, insurance disputes, equitable actions such as declaratory and injunctive relief matters, constitutional issues, personal injury, product liability, 1983 actions, mortgage foreclosures, and commercial and residential landlord/tenant disputes.

County Judge, Florida Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Miami, FL

1987 - 1989

GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT: Presided over a high volume of jury and non-jury trials involving civil disputes of smaller monetary value and criminal misdemeanor violations.

Senior Litigation Associate, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, Miami, FL

1983 - 1987

Represented corporate clients in complex commercial, securities, employment, and tort litigation before state and federal courts, arbitration panels, and administrative tribunals.

Assistant U.S. Attorney, Dept. of Justice, Southern District of Florida, Miami, FL

1980 - 1983

Represented various federal agencies in civil and criminal actions in federal court.

Staff Attorney, Florida Power Corporation, St. Petersburg, FL

1978 - 1980

Provided legal advice to business units and drafted contracts as in-house counsel. Litigated minor matters and managed litigation of outside counsel in major matters.

**HONORS**

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- 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient-Daily Business Review
- 2016 Legal Legend Award Recipient- History Miami Museum/11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Historical Society
- Achievement Award, 2009 – Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter, National Bar Association
- Hon. Alan P. Schwartz Judicial Excellence Award, 2008 – Miami-Dade Bar Association
- Role Model and Trailblazer Award, 2008 – Miami-Dade Voluntary Bar Associations
- Outstanding Member Award, 2008 – Gwen S. Cherry Women Lawyers Association
- Career Achievement Award, 2005 – Wilkie D. Ferguson Jr. Bar Association
- Recognized Pacesetter, Southern Women in Public Service, 2003 – Stennis Center
- Women Making a Difference Award, 1997 – Coconut Grove Playhouse, Coconut Grove, FL
- Outstanding Government Role Model Award, 1990 – Transplant Foundation of South FL
- Outstanding Community Leader in the Judicial System, 1990- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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American Bar Association: Dispute Resolution and Business Law Sections  
Dispute Resolution Review Board, American Health Lawyers Association  
Florida Academy of Professional Mediators  
Florida Bar: ADR Section; Health Lawyers Section; Labor & Employment Section  
Florida Supreme Court Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution Rules and Policy (2013-2018)  
Women in Dispute Resolution