



## Samuel L. Heller Mediation Counsel

Following graduation from the University of Florida and two years in the United States Army (as a fire control officer in a Nike anti-aircraft missile installation in the Pittsburgh Air Defense Command), Sam Heller graduated from the University of Miami School of Law (magna cum laude and valedictorian) and was admitted to The Florida Bar.

During his forty years as a successful trial attorney, Sam gained extensive experience in complex commercial litigation matters in state, federal and bankruptcy courts in Florida, California, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. He also served on behalf of bankruptcy trustees as special trial counsel prosecuting claims against wrongdoers. In 1985, Sam secured through trial one of the largest contested improvement trust fund recoveries in Florida history, winning \$14.2 million for a class of ten thousand defrauded land buyers. Over this four-decade period, he also successfully handled many state and federal court appeals.

In addition to having served as an arbitrator with the American Arbitration Association, Sam has conducted some 4,500 mediations and undertaken various arbitration and special master appointments.

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### PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

B.A. ~ University of Florida, 1955 (Florida Blue Key Speakers Bureau, Florida Players and varsity debate team)

J.D. ~ University of Miami School of Law, 1960 (associate editor – University of Miami Law Quarterly)

- ♦ Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Civil Mediator
- ♦ Florida Supreme Court Certified Appellate Mediator
- ♦ Florida Supreme Court Certified Arbitrator
- ♦ Martindale Hubbell Rating – AV

### MEMBERSHIPS, PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- ♦ Fellow, National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals
- ♦ Author, “*Admissions by Acquiescence*”, Personal Injury Annual - 1961 (Matthew Bender & Co.)
- ♦ Former member, board of trustees, University School at Nova University
- ♦ Former member, board of directors, Pediatric Care Center of Fort Lauderdale
- ♦ Former member, board of directors and vice president, Temple Beth Israel, Fort Lauderdale

### CASE MANAGER INFORMATION

For the most current information and to coordinate or schedule your mediation, contact **Sam Heller's** case manager:

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### PRACTICE AREAS

(including but not limited to):

- Admiralty
- Attorneys' Fee Disputes
- Banking
- Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Disputes
- Commercial
- Construction
- Employment
- Malpractice
- Personal Injury/Wrongful Death
- Products Liability
- Real Estate (including Condominium & Homeowner Association Disputes)
- Securities Law Violations

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### BAR ADMISSIONS

- The Florida Bar
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
- U.S. Courts of Appeal, Fifth and Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. Tax Court
- U.S. Supreme Court