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*Certified Civil, Federal and Family Mediator,  
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**PROFESSIONAL MEDIATION EXPERIENCE**

Appellate Mediation Program Design Consultant and Presenter - Current

Circuit Mediator, U. S. Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit, 2000 – 2006.

President - Dade Mediation Associates, Miami, FL, 1989 - 2000.

Founder and Executive Director - American Mediation Institute, St. Thomas,  
U.S. Virgin Islands, 1992-1997.

**MEDIATION CERTIFICATIONS**

Florida Supreme Court Circuit Civil Mediator #234FR (Since January 1990).

Florida Supreme Court Family Mediator #234FR (Since January 1990).

Federal Mediator – U. S. District Court, So. District of Florida. (Since 1993).

United States District Court, U.S. Virgin Islands - Civil and Family, 1993.

Territorial Court of the Virgin Islands of The U. S. - Civil & Family - 1994.

Advanced Family Mediator in Domestic Violence Cases – University of South Florida Mediation Institute - Tampa, FL, 1995

## **Education**

Juris Doctor, University Of Miami School of Law, 1967.

Bachelor of Arts, Florida State University, 1964.

## **CERTIFIED MEDIATOR EXPERIENCE**

Presided over more than 6,500 Federal and State, pre-suit, trial and appellate disputes of matters, including but not limited to contracts, personal injury, condominium, divorce, custody, environmental/contamination, partnership/shareholder conflicts, community, zoning, class actions, health industry, real estate, brokers' commissions, professional malpractice, wrongful death, injunctions, corporate, construction defects, sexual harassment, employment, ERISA, EEOC, wrongful discharge, maritime, admiralty, product liability, cable and satellite TV broadcasts, premises liability, intellectual property, copyright infringement, civil rights, Title VII, S1983 actions, marine insurance, will contests, subcontractor disputes, Americans with Disability Act, and U.S. Postal Workplace disputes.

## **STATE AND FEDERAL DISTINCTIONS - JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE**

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida, Advisory Committee on Court Annexed Mediation. (2003 - 2006).

Chair, Florida Supreme Court Mediation Training Review Board (Since 1997).

Fellow - American College of Civil Trial Mediators (1997-2001)

A/V Rating by Martindale-Hubbel Law Directory.

Certified Arbitrator Training - August 1999.

Judge, City of Hialeah Gardens Municipal Court, 1972-1975.

Bar Member, U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit, 1980.

Bar Member, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida, 1968.

Special Master for Florida 11th Judicial Circuit, 1993-1994.

Honored by Florida Supreme Court Dispute Resolution Center as Outstanding Mediator's Mentor, 1996.

## **MEDIATION TRAINER**

Florida Supreme Court Qualified Primary Circuit Civil Mediation Trainer.

Florida Supreme Court Qualified Primary Family Mediation Trainer.

United States Federal District Court Civil and Family Mediation Trainer,

St. Thomas and St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands.

University of Miami School of Law - Circuit Civil and Family Mediation trainer

Florida International University- Primary Circuit Civil and Family mediation trainer.

The Florida Bar - City, County & Local Government Section - Circuit Civil Trainer.

Academy of Dispute Resolution - Circuit Civil mediator training.

Dispute Management, Inc., Mediation Trainer

Administrator of Peer Mediation Program, U.S. Virgin Islands, grades 3-12.

Department of Treasury, U.S. Customs Service - Primary Trainer in Conflict Resolution.

## **ADVANCED SPECIALIZED MEDIATION TRAINING**

**“Honoring Our Past...Celebrating Our Future”** – Florida Dispute Resolution 15th Annual Conference – Orlando, FL August 24-26, 2006.

**“Ensuring Confidentiality in Government ADR”**- American Bar Association Washington, DC, November 17, 2005.

**“The Golden Age of ADR”** - American Bar Association, Dispute Resolution Section. Los Angeles, CA, April 14-16, 2005.

**“Framing Our Future”** - Florida Dispute Resolution Center 13th Annual Conference Orlando, FL August 27-28, 2004.

**“The Federal Seminar”** - Florida Bar Government Lawyers Section. Washington, DC, April 2004.

**“Resolution and Resilience in New York”** American Bar Association, Dispute Resolution Section, New York, NY April, 2004.

**“Workshop for Circuit Mediators”** - Federal Judicial Center, San Francisco, CA October 8, 2003.

**“Facilitating Competencies”** - Key Bridge Foundation Center for Mediation - Washington, DC, March, 2003.

**“Making an Impact”** - Florida Dispute Resolution Center 11th Annual Conference -Orlando, Florida, August, 2002.

**“New Vistas in Dispute Resolution”** - American Bar Association Dispute Resolution Section, Washington DC, April, 2002.

**“Dialogue and Diversity”** Florida Dispute Resolution Center 10th Annual Conference -Orlando, Florida, August, 2001.

**“Collaboration in the Capitol”** - The Power of ADR” - American Bar Association Dispute Resolution Section, Washington, DC, April, 2001

Federal Appellate Circuit Mediator’s Workshop - Federal Judicial Center. Atlanta, GA, February, 2001.

**“Opening the Way to a Civilized Society”** - Creating a Culture of Community and Dialogue. SPIDR National Conference, Albuquerque, NM, September, 2000.

**“Spanning the Spectrum”** - Florida Disputer Resolution Center 9th Annual Conference Orlando, FL , August, 2000.

**“ADR by the Bay - The Golden Gate to Collaborative Problem Solving”** ABA Section of Dispute Resolution, San Francisco, CA, April, 2000.

**“Advanced Transformative Mediation Skills”** for U.S. Postal Employees, Miami, FL, November, 1999.

**“ADR Paves the Way: Take the High Road”** - Florida Dispute Resolution Center 8th Annual Conference, Clearwater, FL August, 1999.

**“Breaking Down the Barriers”** ADR in the New Millennium” - America Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution, Boston, MA 1999.

**“Americans With Disabilities Act”** (ADA) Advanced Training by Peter Maida, Key Bridge Foundation, Tampa, FL, April, 1999.

**“Creating a Connection”** - Florida Dispute Resolution Center 7th Annual Conference, Orlando, FL, August, 1998.

**“Mediating Advocacy & Practice”** - American College of Civil Trail Mediators, Atlanta, GA, March, 1998.

**“The Evolution of Dispute Resolution: SPIDR’s Silver Anniversary International Conference”** - Orlando, FL, September, 1997

**“Mediating with Style”** - Advanced Mediation Techniques Seminar - Florida,

Academy of Professional Mediators, Orlando, FL, April, 1997.

**“Mediating Creative Solutions”** - Florida Association of Professional Family Mediators. Orlando, Florida, January, 1997.

**“The Difference in a Decade: The DRC Celebrates Ten Years”** Florida Dispute Resolution Center, Orlando, FL, August, 1996.

**“Shaping the Profession”** Academy of Family Mediators Annual Conference, Breckenridge, CO, February, 1996.

**“Mediating ADA Disputes”** - Dade County Bar Association, 1996.

**“Rough Cases/Tough Cases”** Academy of Family Mediators, Miami, FL 1996.

**“Negotiate Like the Pros”** Advanced Negotiation Seminar, Miami, FL, 1995.

**“Democracy and Dispute Resolution: Power, Principle and Practice”** SPIDR 23rd Annual Conference, Washington, DC, October, 1995.

**“Overcoming Impasse and Balancing Power”** Advanced Mediation Training, Florida Association of Professional Family Mediators, Cocoa Beach, FL, 1995.

**“Advanced Mediation Symposium”** ABA Section on Dispute Resolution, Miami, FL, 1995.

**“Dispute Resolution Across the Continents”** Advanced Mediation Training Conference, SPIDR, Dallas, TX, 1994.

**“Advanced Mediation Techniques”** - Professor Joseph Stulberg, Florida Association of Professional Family Mediators, Jacksonville, FL, 1993.

## **MEDIATOR PANELS AND ROSTERS**

Approved Neutral Reviewer/Arbitrator for John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company Class Action in U.S. District Court - Administered by Collins Center for Public Policy, Tallahassee, FL 1997.

Qualified Mediator - U.S. Department of Justice for ADA cases. 1996.

Approved Mediator - National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (NASD) 1997.

Panelist of Neutral Hearing Officers for National Arbitration and Mediation (NAM) Great Neck, NY. 1995

Approved Mediator for Resolution Trust Company. 1995.

Approved Mediator for Florida State Insurance Commissioner, Hurricane Andrew Mediation Project. Miami, FL, 1993.

Instructor in conflict resolution techniques to Dade County Public Schools. 1992.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

**“Mediation Security - Be Careful Out There!”**, The Resolution Report, Florida Dispute Resolution Center, Volume 17, Number 2, July, 2002.

**“Mediation, Not Litigation”**. The Miami Realtor Magazine. January, 1991.

**“Mediation Seen as a Way Out of Dispute Morass”**. Florida’s Condominium Times. February, 1993.

## **PRESENTER - LECTURER- MODERATOR**

Presenter – **“How to Mediate an Appellate Case”**. Florida 5th DCA, Orlando, FL August 28, 2006.

Moderator - Panelist-**“Mediating the Decided Case”** - Appellate Mediation Skills, ABA Dispute Resolution Section, Los Angeles, CA, April, 2005.

Speaker - **“How Confidential is Confidential?”** -Alabama Academy of Attorney Mediators - Point Clear, AL, March, 2005.

Presenter - **“Mediating the Decided Case”** - Dade County Defense Bar Association Miami, FL , December, 2004.

Presenter - **“Advanced Appellate Mediation Techniques”** - Alabama Center for Dispute Resolution, Montgomery, AL, October, 2004.

Presenter - **“Mediating the Decided Case”** - Florida Dispute Resolution Center 13th Annual Conference, Orlando, FL, August, 2004.

Faculty Trainer - **“Appellate Mediation Skills”** - Florida Fifth District Court of Appeals, Lady Lake, FL, May, 2004.

Presenter - **“Training Alabama Supreme Court Justices and Bar Members in Appellate Mediation Skills”**, Montgomery AL, December, 2003.

Presenter - **“Humor About Mediation and Effective Mediation Communication”** Federal Judicial Center Workshop for Circuit Mediators - San Francisco, CA, October, 2003.

Presenter - **“Appellate Mediation of Employment Cases”** - Academy of Florida Management Attorneys, Orlando, FL, June, 2003.

Presenter - **“Inside the Circuit Mediation Office”** 11th Circuit Judicial Conference, Point Clear, AL, May, 2003.

Lecturer - **“Civil Litigation Skills”** University of Miami School of Law, Miami,

FL, March, 2003.

Presenter - **“Continuing Mediator Education (CME) Training Seminar”**  
University of Miami School of Law, October , 2002.

Faculty Trainer - **“Appellate Mediation Training Session”** Florida Fifth  
District Court of Appeals, Daytona Beach, FL, September, 2002.

Presenter - **“Appellate Mediation Skills and Techniques”** - Florida Dispute  
Resolution Center 11th Annual Conference, Orlando, FL, August, 2002.

Moderator/Presenter - **“An Insider’s View - Ten Principles of Highly  
Effective Mediation Advocacy”** - ABA Section of Dispute Resolution, Seattle  
WA, April, 2002.

Presenter - **“The Whole Truth? Honesty as an Ethical Dilemma in  
Mediation”** Florida Dispute Resolution Center 10th Annual Conference. Orlando,  
FL, August, 2001.

Faculty Trainer - **“Appellate Mediation Training for 5th DCA Mediators”**,  
Orlando, FL, May, 2001.

Presenter - **“Mediation on Appeal: What is it and Why it Works”** ABA  
Section of Dispute Resolution, Washington, DC, April, 2001.

Presenter - **“Conflict Resolution Techniques”** - Miami Fellows Initiative,  
Miami, FL, October, 2001.

Presenter - **“Working a Pre-suit Civil Dispute”** - Florida Dispute Resolution  
Center 9th Annual Conference, Orlando, FL, August, 2000.

Presenter - **“The Business of a Mediation Practice - Making a Living as an  
ADR Neutral”** - American Bar Association Dispute Resolution Section, San  
Francisco, CA, April, 2000.

Presenter - **“Mediating Public Controversies - An intensive skills  
training”**. ABA Dispute Resolution Section, Boston, MA, April, 1999.

Keynote Speaker - **“Mediation: The Good, The Bad, The Ugly - A Humorous  
Approach”**- Florida Academy of Professional Mediators, Orlando, FL October,  
1998.

Panelist - **“The Business of Mediation”**- Florida Dispute Resolution Center 7th  
Annual Conference, Orlando, FL, August, 1998.

Presenter & Panelist - **“Mediation Advocacy & Practice”**- American College of  
Civil Trial Mediators, Atlanta, GA, March, 1998.

Trainer - Florida Supreme Court Circuit Civil and Family Mediation Training

Programs - Florida International University, February, 1998.

Presenter - **“The Business of a Mediation Practice: Making a Living at Making Peace”**- SPIDR 25th International Conference, Orlando, FL September, 1997.

Presenter - **“Mediation Issues for the Florida Circuit Judge”** Florida Conference of Circuit Judges, West Palm Beach, FL, June, 1997.

Trainer - **“Family Mediation Training”** - American Mediation Institute, St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands, May, 1997.

Presenter - **“Mediation Advocacy Workshop”** St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands, May, 1997.

Moderator - **“Evaluating Cases: How far can you go?”** - Florida Academy of Professional Mediators, Orlando, FL, April, 1997.

Moderator - Host for Mediation Chat on AOL, March ,1997.

Facilitator- **“Our Children, Our Families: A Community Response”** Eleventh Judicial Circuit Juvenile Division, June, 1996.

Panelist - **“How to Prepare Your Client For Mediation”** - Dade County Bar Association, June, 1996.

Speaker - **“Conflict Resolution Techniques”** Dade County Alternative School for Dropouts and gang members, April, 1996.

Speaker - **“Analyzing the Mediation Clause in Real Estate Contracts”**, EWM Realtors, March, 1996.

Speaker - **“Mediation, Meditation or Medication. Which One Is It?”**, Coral Gables Bar Association, February, 1996.

Panelist - **“Breaking Impasse”** - Florida Dispute Resolution Center 9th Annual Conference, Clearwater, FL, August, 1995.

Convener/Moderator -**“Children in Conflict, A Symposium”** - St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands, March, 1995.

Presenter - **“Peacemakers’s Conference to Stop Violence”** - Dade County Public Schools, Peace Education Foundation, Miami, January, 1995.

Moderator - **“A Real, Real Property Dispute”** - Dade County Bar Association, Miami, FL, September, 1994.

Presenter - **“The Business of Mediation”** - Florida Academy of Certified Mediators, Orlando, FL, August, 1994.



Speaker - **“Mediation Techniques for Trial Lawyers”** - Educational Resort Seminar, Longboat Key, FL, February, 1993.

Speaker - **“Mediating Business Disputes”** - Rotary Club of Miami, 1993.

Speaker - **“Mediating Real Property Disputes”** Miami Board of Realtors, Miami, FL, November, 1992.

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Fellow, American College of Civil Trial Mediators (1997-2001)

Diplomate, Florida Academy of Professional Mediators (Since 1992)

Chairman, Mediation Committee, Dade County Bar Association (1995-96)

American Bar Association Dispute Resolution Section (Since 1991)

Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution (1990-2001)

Academy of Family Mediators (1992-1994)

Florida Association of Professional Family Mediators (1992-1997)

Arbitrator, American Arbitration Association (1992-1995)