

# Marcia Davis

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Bice Cole Law Firm, P.L.**  
**Alachua, Florida**

**January 1, 2011 - present**

Resident Partner in multi-faceted litigation firm with practice emphasis and focus on mediation and dispute resolution. Certified as a mediator in 1997 with more than one hundred successfully resolved mediations. Beginning fourth year as one of three mediators on Shands' malpractice mediation panel handling presuit and often pre-notice malpractice mediations. Qualified and trained arbitrator, selected as panel arbitrator for 2010 Alachua County tobacco arbitrations.

**July 1, 2002 - 2010**

Resident Partner in multi-faceted litigation firm handling cases involving professional liability, products liability, contractual disputes, complex commercial and banking issues, and significant injury. Serve as mediator in complex cases involving professional liability issues, products liability, automobile negligence, commercial claims, contracts, and banking issues. Active in equine community representing farm owners, breeders, and trainers in administrative hearings, mortality claims, and contractual matters. Lead counsel for Ferrero family in wrongful death claim against Shands and the University of Florida which led to the establishment of the Sebastian Ferrero Foundation, a coordinated project between the family and university devoted to patient safety issues and the construction of a full service children's hospital. Represented the UF University Athletic Association in wrongful death case involving death of college football player. Assist our other regional offices in toxic tort (asbestos) cases and significant mediations. Recently completed almost month long trial in which asbestos defense client received a defense verdict.

**The Davis Law Firm**  
**Alachua, Florida**  
**January 1998 - June 2002**

An insurance defense firm devoted to the representation of physicians, dentists, nursing homes, hospitals, and health care providers in malpractice litigation as well as individuals and corporate entities who have been sued in the state and federal courts of Florida. Successfully defended medical negligence case in thirteen day malpractice trial. Mediated numerous cases involving professional liability issues, products liability, and automobile negligence.

**Barron, Redding, Hughes, Fite, Bassett, Fensom & Sanborn, P.A.**  
**Panama City, Florida**  
**November 1987 - December 1997**

Litigation partner in eleven attorney civil and commercial litigation firm. Practice devoted to the representation of defendants in complex lawsuits involving allegations of medical, dental, and nursing home malpractice, defective product litigation, wrongful death, and other insurance related matters. Successfully defended clients in more than twenty jury trials. Won defense verdict in wrongful death case involving claims of negligence against an adult congregate living facility. Teamed with partner to earn defense verdicts in every medical malpractice and major products' liability case tried and defended by firm. Certified as a circuit court mediator.

**Office of the Attorney General  
Richmond, Virginia  
January 1987 - November 1987**

Special assistant attorney general and member of prosecution team involved in investigation and prosecution of individuals and corporations affiliated with Lyndon Larouche's extremist political group accused of committing various white collar crimes.

**Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, US Army  
Ft. Lee, Virginia  
December 1983 - December 1986**

While chief of the criminal law division, successfully prosecuted more than thirty-five trials by courts-martial involving armed robbery, aggravated battery, rape, drug trafficking, and military related offenses. Legal advisor to Brigade Commander (Colonel) and five Battalion Commanders (Lieutenant Colonel). Graduate school level instructor of military justice. Awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for exemplary service to the command.

**EDUCATION**

**Mississippi College School of Law 1983  
Jackson, Mississippi  
Top Third of Class**

Honors: Law Review Associate Editor, National Trial Competition Team, American Jurisprudence Award for Trial Practice

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS, ACTIVITIES, AND RECOGNITIONS**

Board Certified Civil Trial Lawyer - The Florida Bar, June 2006

AV Rating – Martindale-Hubbell, 2006

American Board of Trial Advocates – North Florida Chapter, Membership Chair 2006, Treasurer 2008, President Elect 2009, President 2010

Appointed by Governor Crist to the Judicial Nominating Committee, Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida, 2008-present. Vice-chair, 2010.

Florida Super Lawyers (Personal Injury Litigation Defense) 2010

**COMMUNITY**

Sebastian Ferrero Foundation, Inc. Executive Board; President, International Paso Horse Federation 2007-2010; PFHA National Youth Committee Chair 2002-2006; Paso Fino Foundation, Inc. Chairman 2007-present; Show Chair, World Championship Youth Equitation Competition 2006.

## MEDIATION REFERENCES

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Avera & Smith  
Gainesville, Florida  
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2. Bruce Robinson  
Robinson, Kennon, and Kendron  
Lake City, Florida  
(386) 755-1334
3. Kim Yozgat  
Shands Legal  
Gainesville, Florida  
(352) 273-7006
4. Gerry, Lynn, and Brian Schackow  
Steve Mercadante  
Schackow, Mercadante and Edwards  
Gainesville, Florida  
(352) 371-3000
5. Charles Carter  
Carter and Drylie  
Gainesville, Florida  
(352) 381-9991

## Paso Fino Information

1. Owner and Chief Operating Officer  
El Caron Farms, Inc.  
Alachua, Florida

El Caron Farms has been breeding, training, showing, and selling Paso Fino show horses since 1988. El Caron Farms is home to 2000 Grand National Champion Performance horse, Carmin de Capuchino, 2010 National Champion AO Fino filly, Defensora del Caron, 2010 Reserve Grand National Champion AO Fino Mare, La Diva, and many professional and amateur national champions. El Caron mares were recently named European Champion of Champions and European Pleasure Champion.

2. Paso Fino Horse Association, Inc.  
Lexington, Kentucky

Have been a member of the PFHA for more than twenty years and served as the youth committee chair for more than three years.

3. Paso Fino Horse Foundation, Inc.  
Morrison, Florida

Chairs the Foundation which has raised and awarded more than \$100,000.00 for college scholarships to deserving Paso youth.

4. International Paso Horse Federation, Inc.

Past President and founding member of the IPHF, a group devoted to promoting the Paso show horse throughout the United States.

5. 6<sup>th</sup> World Championships for Youth Equitation Riders  
Kissimmee, Florida

Served as show chair for the VI Mundial de Jinetes y Amazonas Felix Santiago Oliver in Kissimmee, Florida in 2004.