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CURRICULUM VITAE

OVER THIRTY YEARS OF PRACTICE AS AN ADR NEUTRAL: A BRIEF OVERVIEW

I began my practice in the field of ADR in 1985 as a bilingual AAA Commercial, Employment and Consumer Arbitrator. I joined the in-house Miami-Dade County Mediation Division in 1989, and then moved to the private mediation firm, Mediation Inc. where I served as the bilingual mediator for twenty-two years. I have mediated thousands of Real Estate, Employment, FLSA, ADA, Personal Injury, Commercial Litigation, Nursing Home, Condo and HOA Disputes, Restrictive Covenants, Professional Malpractice, Insurance, Consumer Credit Disputes, Recreational Motor Vehicle, Contract, Probate, Construction and family matters, some involving multiple parties, multiple participants, global settlements and pro se litigants. My arbitration practice has included similar disputes and service on arbitration panels administered by different arbitration providers. I have served on 3 of the 4 standing committees of the Florida Supreme Court related to ADR in Florida, I have served as Chair, President or officer, of leading ADR organizations in Florida, and taught mediation and arbitration at Nova Southeastern University as an Adjunct Professor. As a primary trainer for Florida Supreme Court approved arbitration, civil and family mediation training programs, I have trained over a thousand arbitrators and mediators in Florida.

ADR LEADERSHIP ROLES:

- 2001-2013: Member- Florida Supreme Court ADR Rules and Policy Committee
2004-2013 Arbitration Subcommittee
- 2013-2017: Member- Florida Supreme Court Mediator Ethics Advisory Committee
- 1997-2016: Member- Florida Supreme Court Mediation Training Review Board

- 2016-2017: Chair ADR Section of The Florida Bar; Member of Council of Sections of The Florida Bar; Treasurer 2014-2015; President Elect 2015-2016; Executive Council 2017-Present
- 2010-2011: President, Florida Academy of Professional Mediators
- 2009-2011: Board of Directors, Florida Academy of Professional Mediators
- 2012-2013: Co-Chair ADR Section, Broward County Bar; Chair 1999-2001
- 2000-2001: President, Association of South Florida Mediators and Arbitrators
Charter Newsletter Editor 1992-1996
- 2020: Co-Chair, Inaugural Arbitration Institute ADR Section Florida Bar, with Deborah Mastin
- 2024: Co-Chair Second Arbitration Institute ADR Section Florida Bar, with Deborah Mastin

ARBITRATION/MEDIATION CERTIFICATIONS

- 1989-Present: Florida Supreme Court Qualified Arbitrator
- 1991-Present: Florida Supreme Court Certified Civil Mediator
- 1991-Present: Florida Supreme Court Certified Family Mediator
- 1993-Present: Certified Mediator, The Southern District of Florida
- 1993-Present: Florida Supreme Court Certified County Mediator
- 2011-Present: Florida Supreme Court Certified Appellate Mediator
- 2011-Present: Approved Primary Trainer, Florida Supreme Court Arbitration Training
- 2016-Present: Approved Primary Trainer, Florida Supreme Court Circuit Mediation Training
- 2019-Present: Approved Primary Trainer, Florida Supreme Court Family Mediation Training

NEUTRAL EXPERIENCE

- 1984-Present: American Arbitration Association, Employment, Commercial and Consumer Arbitrator; Foreclosure Mediator, Commercial and Employment Mediator; Securities Mediator
- 1989-Present: Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) Arbitrator, Mediator
- 1989-1991: Miami-Dade County Mediation/Arbitration Division-Civil and Family cases
- 1994-2020: Special Magistrate Code Enforcement-Town of Davie
- 2000-2001: Mediator and Arbitrator, Prudential Class Action Settlement, Collins Center for Public Policy
- 2001-2007: Mediator, Collins Center for Public Policy, Hurricane Mediation and Foreclosure Mediation Programs
- 2001-2023: Bilingual Mediator Florida Mediation Group (formerly Mediation Firm, Inc.)
- 2005-2010: Special Magistrate Code Enforcement-City of Fort Lauderdale
- 2001-2005: First Special Magistrate Code Enforcement-City of Riviera Beach
- 2001-Present: Florida Recreational Vehicle Mediation and Arbitration Panel Member
- 2009-Present: Florida Department of Financial Services Insurance Mediator

AWARDS

- 2011: Florida Academy of Professional Mediators President's Award
- 2019: ADR Section of the Florida Bar, Member of the Year

TEACHING AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2011-Present: Arbitration, Civil Mediation and Family Mediation Florida Supreme Court Approved Training Programs

- 2013-2016: Adjunct Professor Shepard Broad Law School, Nova Southeastern University, Mediation Seminar including Hybrid ADR, Litigation Risk Analysis
- 1998-2001: Adjunct Professor, Nova Southeastern University Department of Conflict Resolution, School of Social and Systemic Studies Taught classes in Mediation, Negotiation, Collaborative Problem Solving, Arbitration, and Legal Concepts
- 2001: Adjunct Professor, St. Thomas Law School, Family Law
- 2011-Present: Arbitration, Civil Mediation and Family Mediation Florida Supreme Court Approved Training Programs
- 2003-2013: Trainer, Advanced Arbitration Training CLE
- 2001,2002, 2014, 2020 Florida Dispute Resolution Center Annual Conference
Presenter: Arbitration Workshop
- 2023: Florida Dispute Resolution Center Annual Conference
“Don’t Wait Until This Happens to You! Steps for Preventing (or Dealing With) a Mediator Subpoena”
Presented with Shari Elessar and Lester Langer
- 2023: ADR Section The Florida Bar CLE
“Professionalism, Preparation and Effective Representation of Clients in Non-Binding Arbitration”
Presented with Leonore Greller and Jeffrey Adelman
- 2024: ADR Section Second Arbitration Institute
Moderator: “The Mechanics of Virtual and Hybrid Proceedings, Protocols, and the Greener Arbitration Pledge”
Presenters Angela Valedon and A.J. Horowitz
- 2024: ADR Section Second Arbitration Institute
“Is There a Place for Artificial Intelligence in Arbitration?”
Presented with Ido Alexander and Jordan Turk
- 2020: ADR Section Inaugural Arbitration Advocacy Institute
“Technology and Professionalism in Virtual Arbitrations: Challenges

And Solutions”
Presented with Christina Magee

- 2020: ADR Section Inaugural Arbitration Advocacy Institute
“Commercial Arbitration”
Presented with A.J. Horowitz
- 2024: CLE sponsored by the Trial Lawyers Section and the ADR Section of the
Florida Bar “Non-Binding Arbitration: Critical Issues for Careful Advocates
To Consider”
Presented with Robert Hudson, Daniel Alvarez and Andrew Reiss
- 2019: Training Video: On behalf of the ADR Section of the Florida Bar,
facilitated and organized The Florida Bar Grievance Fee Arbitrator Training
Program video on January 17, 2019. This training is required for individuals
to participate as neutrals in the Florida Bar Grievance Fee Arbitration
program
- 2016: Organized and participated in ADR Section half-day seminar on Mediation
And Arbitration at the Florida Bar Annual Convention
Presenters: Meah Tell, Michael Lax, Jesse Diner, Adele Stone, Alan
Bookman, Michelle Jernigan, and Bob Hoyle
- 2013: Broward County Bench and Bar Convention- Panel Member- “Ethics in
Mediation and Arbitration”
- 2012: Institute for Dispute Resolution, Levin College of Law, "Mediating in
Florida: An Advanced Exploration," Presenter: "Writing Up Agreements"
- 2012: Association of South Florida Mediators/Florida Academy of
Professional Mediators Conference: Presentation on Hybrid ADR
- 2012: Association of South Florida Mediators/Florida Academy of
Professional Mediators Conference: Presentation on Hybrid ADR
- 2010: Florida Academy of Professional Mediators Symposium- “Mediator
Drafting Documents-Ethical Considerations”
- 2010: American Arbitration Association and ADR Educational Systems, Inc.
Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Training, produced training
manual, lectured on ethical issues in mediation

- 2010: Florida Defense Lawyers Association and Florida Academy of Professional Mediators First Annual Mediation & ADR Seminar: Presenter "He Said What?" Mediation Ethics Panel Discussion
- 2010: Florida Academy of Professional Mediators-Arbitration Training
- 2009: Broward County Bar Association Bench and Bar Convention, "Do's and Don'ts For Mediators Drafting Documents" Presenter with Geraldine Waxman and Bruce Blitman
- 2001 "Ethical Dilemmas for Mediators" ASFMA Annual Seminar
- 2000: "Anger and Mediation," 9th Annual DRC Conference
- "Bilingual Mediation" 25th Annual Conference Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution - mock bilingual mediation, seminar materials in English and Spanish

Other presentations include: Preparation of a video on mediation and arbitration by the ADR Section of the Florida Bar for the Young Lawyers Division, Barry University Continuing Education speaker on arbitration, Florida Atlantic University School of Accounting, speaker on "Diversity and Mediation," presentation on "Advanced Mediation Training Skills" for Lockheed Martin-Skunkworks, presentations on mediation for the Broward County Hispanic Lawyers and Broward County Chapter of American Association of University Women, and other CLE approved seminars

ORAL ARGUMENT FLORIDA SUPREME COURT/RULE COMMENTS

February 8, 2022: Oral Argument, SC21-990, on behalf of ADR Section of The Florida Bar, concerning Section comments to proposed rule changes to the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure regarding use of technology in mediation and arbitration post-pandemic

Individually, or on behalf of the ADR Section of The Florida Bar, I have been involved in drafting comments to proposed rule changes regarding mediation and arbitration filed in the Florida Supreme Court and the District Court of the Southern District of Florida

PUBLICATIONS:

- 2024: The Common Ground, "Proposed Revisions to Rules Regarding Mediation Conflicts of Interest: A Unique Paradigm Shift," Spring 2024, Vol. 6, Issue 1.

- 2022: The Common Ground, “What’s New and Different? A Summary of Recent Revisions to Procedural Rules Regarding Mediation,” Fall/Winter 2022, Vol. 4, Issue 2.
- 2021: The Neutral, “Mandatory Non-Binding Arbitration and the Role of the Neutral,” September 2021, Vol. 6, Issue 2.
- 2006: 80 Fla. Bar J. 39, January 2006, Tax Law Column: Circular 230: ” Beware the Jabberwock!”
- 2002: 76 Fla. Bar J. 77, October 2002, General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Column: “Arbitration and Attorneys’ Fees: A Pandora’s Box,” Frank Nussbaum and Meah Rothman Tell
- 2000: Dispute Resolution Journal February 2000, Vol. 55, No. 1, “Attorneys’ Fees,” Frank Nussbaum and Meah Rothman Tell

EDUCATION:

University of Rochester BA 1973, Phi Beta Kappa

Columbia University (JD/MBA Combined Program) 1976 JD, 1977 MBA
 Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar
 The Columbia Journal of Law and Social Problems, Co-Managing Editor

University of Miami LLM Taxation 2005

BAR MEMBERSHIPS:

State of New York 1977
 State of Florida 1979
 Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals 1981
 Southern District of Florida Trial Bar 1980
 District of Columbia Bar-Inactive Status
 Broward County Bar Association
 American Bar Association
 Broward County Hispanic Bar Association
 Broward County Association of Women Lawyers/FAWL

LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

- 1981-Present: Meah Rothman Tell, P.A.: Commercial, civil and family litigation, appeals, including FLSA, employment, contract, probate and estate planning matters
- 1996-1997: Broward County Support Enforcement Attorney: Litigated more than 1,000 cases to collect unpaid child support and alimony
- 1979-1981: Tew, Critchlow, Sonberg et al.: Handled real estate closings, corporate and commercial transactions, Title Agent for Attorney's Title Insurance Fund, Commonwealth Land Title Insurance Company and Chicago Title, drafted contracts and immigration work
- 1977-1979: Kronish Lieb Shainswit et al.: Handled securities and general corporate matters, including quarterly and annual SEC filings, draft and review of contracts
- 1976-1977: Kelly Drye & Warren: Handled corporate and banking matters, regulatory compliance issues, preparation of contracts

ADDITIONAL ADR TRAINING:

- 1989: American Arbitration Association Family Mediation Training
- 1989: American Arbitration Association Circuit Civil Mediation Training
- 1995: Employment Law Training NASD
- 1995: Chairperson Securities Training NASD
- 1993: Intro Securities Arbitrator Training NASD
- 1998: AAA Commercial Arbitrator Training
- 1998: Florida Pilot Recreational Vehicle Mediation/Arbitration Training
- 2001: AAA Commercial Arbitrator II Training
- 2004: Expungement Mini Course NASD

- 2003, 2006: AAA Arbitration Awards: Safeguarding, Deciding & Writing Awards
- 2005: AAA Arbitrator Ethics and Disclosure
- 2007: Umpire Training-Windstorm Conference
- 2007: Advanced Umpire Training-Windstorm Conference
- 2007: Collins Center Umpire Training
- 2008: Revised Code of Arbitration Training FINRA
- 2009: Expungement Refresher FINRA
- 2009: Motion to Dismiss Training FINRA
- 2009: Advanced Umpire Training-Windstorm Conference
- 2009: Collins Center Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Training
- 2010: University of South Florida Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Training
- 2011: AAA Managing your First Arbitration 2011
- 2012: ASFMA/FAPM “Your Successful Mediation is at the End of the Rainbow”
- 2013: AAA Developments in Arbitration Law: Disclosure, Vacatur, Sanctions and Arbitrator Authority
- 2014: AAA The Impact of Social Media on Evidence: What Arbitrators Need to Know
- 2013: AAA Developments in Arbitration Law: Disclosure, Vacatur, Sanctions, and Arbitrator Authority
- 2015: ADR and Emerging Technologies: The Future Has Arrived
- 2016: AAA Protecting Your Award from Appellate Challenge
- 2017: AAA Red Flag and Risk Areas in arbitration

Other trainings attended include: US Postal Service Redress Training, required annual arbitration trainings for the American Arbitration Association, Continuing Mediation Education courses for mediator certification in Florida, Red Light Traffic Magistrate Training, and Traffic Special Magistrate Training, Elder Mediation