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Esq.**

Coral Springs, Florida



Current Employer-Title ATD Mediation & Arbitration, P.A., CEO & President

Profession Attorney, Arbitrator, Mediator

Work History Owner, ATD Mediation & Arbitration, P.A., 2004 – Present; Associate, Florida Mediation Group, 1996-2003; Senior Legal Counsel, Eastern Financial Federal Credit Union, 1993-1996; Senior Counsel, Barnett Banks, Inc., 1991-1993; Vice President & Legal Counsel Southeast Bank, N.A. and Southeast Mortgage Company, 1988-1991; Associate Attorney, Commercial Litigation Division, Ruden, Barnett, McClosky, Schuster & Russell, 1984-1987.

Experience Has practiced commercial litigation at two South Florida law firms between 1984 and 1998. Has also served as Vice President and Legal Counsel of Southeast Bank and Southeast Mortgage Company, Senior Counsel of Barnett Banks, N.A. and Senior Legal Counsel of Eastern Financial Federal Credit Union. Member of the Executive Council of Legal Aid Service of Broward, Inc., and serves as an advisor to the Board of Directors and is a member of the Women of the Roundtable. Previous member of the St. Thomas Law School Inns of Court. Charitable interests include serving as a Godparent to JAFCO, serving the needs of children in the foster care and adoptive process, and sitting on the Advisory Board of the JAFCO Respite and Residential Center for Children with Developmental Disabilities.

Mediator Experience Has mediated over 6,000 lawsuits and pre-suit disputes. Mediation practice largely consists of complex commercial cases, personal injury, wrongful death, premises and auto liability claims, employment discrimination, ADA and wage/hour disputes by individuals and class action. Also concentrates on admiralty, Jones Act and aviation cases, banking and collection matters, insurance coverage issues, construction delay and defect, windstorm and property damage claims, probate, securities disputes including unsuitability, churning and fraud claims, medical malpractice, healthcare and nursing home cases.

Certified Circuit Civil Mediator with the State of Florida since 1993. Also serves as a panel Mediator with the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida, became a AAA mortgage foreclosure mediator for the Florida Circuit Court foreclosures, and is an approved mediator for the

Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares and Mobile Homes. Has also served as an EEOC Private Mediation panel member. Member of the Florida Circuit-Civil Mediator Society and the Florida Academy of Professional Mediators (previously served as Board of Directors). Has traveled nationally and internationally to as far away as Romania, in Eastern Europe, to mediate disputes.

**Representative Issues
Handled as a Mediator**

Wrongful death and personal injury claims involving premises liability, products liability, Jones Act, auto, maritime, and aviation. Class Action and individual employment claims involving FLSA, Title VII, ADA, ADEA and related state statutes. Admiralty cases, involving Jones Act and general maritime claims, complex commercial litigation including banking disputes, Florida business statute claims, breach of contract, civil theft and conversion, fraud securities matters including suitability churning and fraud claims and resort torts including sexual assault claims.

**Mediator Style & Process
Preferences**

Having mediated over 6,000 Florida state and federal lawsuits and presuit disputes, Cindy is a huge proponent of the process. I believe it is generally in the best interest of feuding parties to resolve and compromise their claims, rather than leaving the outcome in the hands of strangers. I am a proactive mediator, not just a message taker. By regularly asking questions, I cause the participants to face all possible outcomes and the costs and time involved in not resolving the dispute.

Education

Emory University, Phi Beta Kappa (BA-1980); State University of New York at Buffalo, Honors (JD-1984).

Professional Licenses

Admitted to the Bar: Florida, 1984.

Federal District Court for the Southern District of Florida Panel Mediator; Florida Certified Circuit and County Court Mediator, 1993.

Professional Associations

Florida Bar Association; American Bar Association; Florida Academy of Professional Mediators (Past Board of Directors); Florida Circuit Court Mediator Society; Broward County Bar Association; Dade County Bar Association; National Association of Women Judges.

**Recent Publications &
Speaking Engagements**

“Arbitration, Is It Worth It?” Dade County Bar Association, 2014; “Is Expedited Arbitration Right For Your Dispute?” Broward Chapter of FAWL, 2016. “Assisting Your Litigator to be Better Prepared for Mediation,” South Florida Paralegal Association, 2010; “Mediation,” Paralegal Association of Florida, Boca Raton Chapter, 2010.

**Locations Where Parties
Will Not be Charged for
Travel Expenses**

No travel charge within Arizona.

Mediation Rate

\$3,800 Per Day

Languages

English

Citizenship

United States of America

Locale

Coral Springs, FL

The AAA’s Rules provide the AAA with the authority to administer a mediation including, mediator appointment, general oversight and billing. Accordingly, mediations that proceed without AAA administration are not considered AAA mediations, even when the parties select an mediator who is on the AAA’s Roster.

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