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Tampa, Florida



Current Employer-Title

Dispute Solutions, PLLC, Managing Shareholder

Work History

Managing Shareholder, Dispute Solutions, PLLC, 2014 - Present; Shareholder, Burruezo & Burruezo, PLLC, 2014 - Present; Managing Shareholder, Littler Mendelson, 2007 - 2014; Managing Partner, Fisher Phillips LLP, 2001 - 2007; Partner, Jackson Lewis LLP, 1994 - 2001; Associate, Baker Hostetler LLP, 1992 - 1994; Associate, Litchford Christopher P.A., 1989 - 1992.

Experience

Started law practice 1989 as a commercial litigator, and subsequently spent the next 25 years litigating employment disputes, primarily for management. Have had the opportunity to litigate on the employee side, which has now allowed the unique experience of evaluating employment cases from both sides of the dispute.

Mediator Experience

Has mediated more than 500 cases, a majority of which have been employment disputes. These mediations have involved both small and large employers, ranging from employers with as little as five employees to employers with more than 100,000 employees. Cases mediated vary between single and multi-party discrimination, harassment, wage and hour matters, as well as class-action wage-hour and Fair Credit Reporting Act cases.

Representative Issues Handled as a Mediator Cases mediated have included race, national origin, sex, and age and disability discrimination. Additionally, has mediated cases involving allegations of sexual harassment and whistleblower issues involving sensitive and confidential information. Frequently mediates class-action cases, and matters involving misclassification of employees, failure to pay overtime and minimum wage to employees, and the Fair Credit Reporting Act, including disclosure disputes.

Preferences

Mediator Style & Process Before I begin any mediation, I always ask the parties to commit to 3 virtues: 1) patience; 2) openmindedness; and 3) a willingness to compromise. If the parties are unwilling to commit to any of these, then the mediation is not likely to be productive. Most importantly, I tell the parties that the process requires a willingness to be vulnerable in order for it to succeed.

I believe that my manner, style, openness and experience leads to successful outcomes.

Cornell University Law School (JD - 1989); University of Florida (BS - 1986). Education

Professional Licenses Admitted to the Bar, Florida Bar (1990).

Professional Associations Board Member, Aspire Health Partners, 2013 - 2016

Board Member, The Center For Drug-Free Living, Inc., 1994-2013 Board Chair, The Center For Drug-Free Living, Inc., 2010-2012 Board Chair, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Metro Orlando, 2007

Co-Chair, Hispanic Summit of Central Florida, 2007 Board Member, Hispanic Business Initiative Fund, 2007

President, Hispanic Bar Association of Central Florida, 1995-1996

Member, Orange County Bar Association, 1990.

Locations Where Parties Will Not be Charged for Travel Expenses

Locations Where Parties Travel time within the State of Florida will not be charged.

Mediation Rate \$525 Per Hour

Languages Spanish, English

Citizenship United States of America

Locale Tampa, 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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