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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



Current Employer-Title Linda A Michler ADR

Professional Summary Bring to ADR practice extensive and practical experience as a businesswoman. Law firm represented financial institutions, franchisors, and small businesses. A trial lawyer, served as Assistant District Counsel & Special Assistant US Attorney, & in-house counsel for a global data & risk management software company. Worked & served on boards of several organizations including healthcare. Successfully arbitrated & mediated diverse cases including high-dollar commercial, employment, insurance, property damage, construction, bankruptcy and real estate claims.

Profession Attorney

Work History Owner, Linda A Michler ADR (formerly Professional Dispute Resolution LLC), 2015 - Present; Managing Attorney, Law Office of Linda A. Michler, 1997- 2015; Attorney, Lyons, Doughty & Veldhuis, 2000-2003; Instructor, Community College of Allegheny County, 2000-2001; Instructor, Robert Morris University, 1990-1999: Business Law - Liability and Avoidance, Legal Research and Writing; Special Assistant US Attorney, Assistant District Counsel, US Small Business Administration, 1991-1997; Associate, Frank R. Fleming III PC, 1988-1991; Legal Assistant, Houston Harbaugh, 1982-1988.

Experience Attorney who now does only mediation, arbitration, early neutral evaluation, and consulting for cases and claims involving business and financial matters including real estate, employment, commercial and consumer lending, shareholder and healthcare disputes. Approved title attorney. Also has experience with government contracts, franchise disputes, product liability, professional malpractice, commercial / business matters and bankruptcy disputes.

Over 25 years' experience in ADR matters serving in arbitration, mediator, and early neutral evaluator/consultant. Served as Assistant District Counsel, Special Assistant US Attorney with the US Small Business Administration taught legal courses at Robert Morris University, Duquesne University, and Community College of Allegheny County and had been a presenter for several CLE providers including the National Business Institute, and the Allegheny County and Washington County, Pennsylvania Bar Associations.

American Bar Association ABF Fellow, former Co-chair of Arbitration Committee, former Publications Sub-committee Chair, also former webinar chair in ABA DR Marketing Committee; National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals Panel Member in Pennsylvania, also listed as office territories for NC and SC in NADN. I am Chair and panel member of the American Health Lawyer's Dispute Review Board.

Former in-house counsel for a global data and risk management software company. Some matters included airport construction, disputes between several subcontractor parties and respective insurers. Additional matters included mortgage lending (predatory and regulatory issues) disputes between businesses and lender; there were matters between multi-parties. Including realtors, and mortgage, deed recording fraud, disputes between shareholders in professional and business operating entities, collection matter between a music association and a bar/restaurant involving copyright infringement issues, a business bankruptcy where the divorce of the principal and his wife was causing financial issues in successfully completing the bankruptcy.

As Assistant District Counsel handled negotiations with labor and government management, unemployment compensation, and reduction in force issues. In house General Counsel for global software company handling a variety of contract and employment issues.

Other Management / Business Activities -former owner of Fiddlesticks, a summer rental property in the Outer Banks, NC, successfully scheduling managing summer weekly rentals for over eight years, including managing various personnel to maintain and service property, house and related activities, including website.

Mediator Experience

Primary Practice Areas:

ADR, mediation, arbitration, early neutral evaluation, consulting, teaching and development of programs involving healthcare, employment, shareholder business disputes, government contracts, franchise disputes, product liability, banking, real estate, bankruptcy and lending disputes. National ADR practice, primarily in PA, NC and eastern SC (primarily Bluffton and GA / SC border), will travel to other sites nationally depending on matter.

Representative Issues Handled as a Mediator

Matters have included airport construction disputes between several subcontractor parties and respective insurers, mortgage lending (predatory and regulatory issues), mass claims employment disputes, disputes between businesses and lender, between multi-parties including realtors and mortgage / deed recording fraud, disputes between shareholders in professional and business operating entities, collection matter between a music association and a bar/restaurant involving copyright infringement issues, a business bankruptcy where the divorce of the principal and his wife was causing financial issues in successfully completing the bankruptcy, investor disputes with broker involving investment decisions, human resource matters in investment and business industries. In - house general counsel for global software company. As Assistant District Counsel handled negotiations with labor and government management, unemployment compensation, and reduction in force issues. Also mediations among government agency, business and its several divisions, and employees concerning FLSA issues and bankruptcy and federal actions.

Mediator Style & Process Preferences

I spend the time and the effort that is needed to accomplish a resolution with the parties. The type of mediation depends on the parties, topic, the legal status of the dispute. It is not a cookie cutter or only a certain amount of time approach. I do not conduct a type of mediation (i.e., transformative, facilitative, etc.) but rather assess the specific situation and discussions with parties and work appropriately. My personal and professional background is diverse.

Technology Proficiency

Available for virtual, in person and hybrid cases.

Technology experience is varied, includes in-house counsel for a global software company and AI taskforce for a photography organization. Mediated and arbitrated cases using Zoom, Teams, and other formats. Zoom is the preferred platform. Some corporations and government prefer other platforms and that is certainly acceptable. No preference to in person, virtual or hybrid, and leave that to the parties and counsel and their evaluation of their needs.

Familiar with several software programs for timekeeping, project management and human resource management, including salesforce, time matters.

Education

Duquesne University School of Law, (JD - 1988); the University of Pittsburgh, (BS, Life Sciences

(Biology, Chemistry, Physics), Psychology Minor - 1977).

Professional Licenses

Admitted to the Bar: Pennsylvania (1988), North Carolina (2008 - voluntarily placed into inactive), New York (2012); US District Court: Western District of Pennsylvania, Eastern District of North Carolina; US Court of Appeals: Third Circuit; US Supreme Court.

North Carolina Dispute Resolution Commission Certified Panel Member Superior Court (2008).

Professional Associations

International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution, Panel of Distinguished Neutrals, Mass Employment Claims Panel, Banking and Financial Services Panel; MWI Franchise ADR Panel; United States Bankruptcy Court, Mediation Panel Member, Western District of Pennsylvania; North Carolina Dispute Resolution Commission Panel Member Superior Court; US District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Mediator, Arbitrator, and Early Neutral Evaluator; American Health Law Association Panel Arbitrator and Mediator, AHLA Member of the Dispute Resolution Service Review Board, National Medical Reviews Inc Arbitrator, FINRA Mediator and Arbitrator; Better Business Bureau Arbitrator; Member American Bar Association, North Carolina Bar Association, Pennsylvania Bar Association, New York Bar Association, Allegheny County and Washington County Bar Associations, American Bankruptcy Institute, American Arbitration Association - Mediator and Arbitrator, appointed to NC Disaster Mediation Program, National Association of Distinguished Neutrals (NADN) invited member.

Recent Publications & Speaking Engagements

- American Bar Association, A Discussion on International Law - Organizer
- Association of Attorney - Mediators, The Good, the Bad and the Uninformed, Adequacy of Disclosures - Presenter
- Women's Bar Association of Western PA - ADR Neutrals - Presenter
- American Bar Association, Will Your ADR Neutral Disclosures Meet Party Expectations? Perceived Associations and Social Media: Guidelines, Disclosure Differences, Requirements, Opinions – Are they Enough? Presenter
- American Arbitration Association, Out of Sight, Out of Mind: What You Need to Know about Preventing and Arbitrating Business-to-Business (“B2B”)
- National Business Institute, Mortgage Foreclosures and Alternatives to Mortgage Foreclosures, - Presenter
- Allegheny County Bar Association Bench-Bar “Who Files for Bankruptcy” - Presenter
- Federal Bar Association Western Pennsylvania Chapter and the Social Security Section Conference on Social Security Law – Moderator
- Washington County Bar Association Winter Bench-Bar “Court Mediation” Conference Presenter
- Federal Bar Association Western Pennsylvania Chapter The Mediation/Arbitration Section “Mediation In The Millennium” Conference – Presenter
- Advanced Mediation Training – Presenter
- ABA Dispute Resolution Section Annual Meeting, 2017 – Presenter

Locations Where Parties Will Not be Charged for Travel Expenses

Please contact for details. Pennsylvania, North Carolina, South Carolina, and southern Virginia locations.

Mediation Rate

\$9,600 Per Day

Languages

English

Citizenship

United States of America

Locale

Pittsburgh, PA

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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