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Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida



Current Employer-Title

Rendzio Dispute Resolution, Inc. - Full-Time Neutral

Profession

Arbitrator, Certified Mediator, Voluntary Trial Judge (Section 44.104, Fla. Stat.) and Property Insurance Umpire.

Work History

Arbitrator/Mediator, Rendzio Dispute Resolution, Inc., 2024 - Present; Arbitrator/Mediator, Ansbacher Law, 2021 - 2024; Circuit Court Judge, State of Florida-Seventh Judicial Circuit, 2019-2021; Shareholder, Franson Iseley & Rendzio P.A., 2012-2018; Shareholder, TRITT|RENDZIO, 2010-2012; Associate, Tritt Franson & Iseley P.A., 2008-2010; Associate, Tomchin & Odom P.A., 2002-2008; Judicial Intern for the Honorable Timothy J. Corrigan United States District Judge, Middle District of Florida, 2001.

Experience

Construction experience includes representation of owners, condominium associations, design professionals (architects and engineers), contractors, developers, insurance carriers and sureties in disputes involving insurance coverage issues, roof design, building envelope, water intrusion, general construction issues, mechanical equipment design and construction, EIFS- related issues, and design defects. Commercial litigation experience includes drafting, negotiating and litigating full range of issues regarding joint ventures, corporations, LPs, LLCs, shareholder derivative actions, aviation general terms agreements (GTAs), non-disclosure agreements, commercial vendor agreements, officer/director fiduciary, and AIA agreements (owner, architect, engineer, contractor, construction manager, general/supplemental conditions, lump sum, cost-plus, unit price contracts, T&M contracts). Real estate experience includes drafting, negotiating and litigating full range of sales leases, association vendor agreements, and purchase-and-sale agreements (both commercial and residential). Insurance experience includes litigating insurance/reinsurance (property, fire, injury, products liability, business interruption, life, builders risk, CGL, D&O, and professional liability for architects and engineers).

Certified by the Florida Bar as a Board Certified Construction Lawyer; AV® Preeminent rating by Martindale-Hubbell®; AVVO® Rating 10/10; Florida Super Lawyers® "Super Lawyer" (2016-Present); Florida Super Lawyers® "Rising Star" (2010-2014); Fellow of the Construction Lawyers Society of America (2018-Present); Recipient of The Florida Bar Construction Law Committee "Rising Star" Award (2017) (bestowed upon one individual each year).

Mediator Experience

ADR experience includes serving as neutral on complex construction matters (construction defect and contract disputes), insurance coverage matters, and business litigation matters. I have been the sole arbitrator and mediator in matters in excess of \$10M.

Representative Issues Handled as a Mediator

Representative issues have included everything from complex contractual disputes, to multi-party construction defect claims to disputes between carriers and insureds regarding Commercial General Liability (CGL) and Professional Liability (PL) policies. This also includes construction matters where personal injury claims were asserted.

Preferences

Mediator Style & Process To serve as an active neutral, and not to simply move room-to-room with an offer and counteroffer. It is vital to review materials, and review each party's position before mediation to ensure that mediation is as productive as possible. A mediator is a neutral. However he/she should be prepared to ask targeted questions to keep the process the moving in a professional manner. A mediator serves an invaluable role in the mediator process, and must be committed to work ethically and actively to try to reach a resolution.

Technology Proficiency

Proficient in virtual platforms and willing to conduct Zoom mediations and arbitrations.

Education

Florida Coastal School of Law (JD, Managing Editor, Florida Coastal Law Review and Member of Moot Court-2001); Florida State University (BA-1998).

Professional Licenses

Admitted to the Bar: District of Columbia (2004), Florida (2001); U.S. District Court: Northern, Middle and Southern Districts of Florida; U.S. Court of Appeals: Fifth and Eleventh Circuits; U.S. Supreme Court.

Certified Federal Mediator (Middle District of Florida); Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Civil Mediator; Certified Condominium Mediator (The Division of Florida Condominiums, Timeshares and Mobile Homes); Licensed Insurance Mediator for Florida Department of Financial Services.

Professional Associations The Florida Bar, Construction Law Committee, Alternative Dispute Resolution Section (Co-Chair)(Present); The Florida Bar, Construction Law Certification Review Course Committee (Co-Chair) (2014-2017); The Florida Bar, Construction Law Institute Committee (Co-Vice Chair) (2017-2018); American Bar Association, Forum on the Construction Industry; American Bar Association, Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section; Jacksonville Bar Association, Construction Law Committee (Chair) (2015); Fellow, Construction Lawyers Society of America; St. Johns County Bar Association; Flagler County Bar Association (Judicial Liaison 2019-2020); Volusia County Bar Association; The Florida Bar, Real Property Probate & Trust Law (RPPTL) Section (Judicial Liaison 2019-2020); St. Johns Association for Women Lawyers (St. JAWL); Northeast Florida Builders Association, St. Johns Builders Council, Board of Director (2013-2016); The Florida Academy of Professional Mediators; American Arbitration Association; The St. Augustine Inns of Court; Florida Family Law American Inn of Court; St. Johns County Tiger Bay Club (President); National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals.

Recent Publications & Speaking Engagements

Publications:

"Effective Use of Arbitration," American Bar Association, Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section, Arbitration and the Surety (2020); "Identifying Underutilized Defenses in Condominium Defect Lawsuits," Claims Journal, July 15, 2011; "Venue Considerations in Construction Disputes," Florida Bar Journal, May 2010; "Invoking 'the Rule' During Depositions? Absolutely 'Maybe'" Florida Bar Journal, November 2008.

Speaking Engagements:

The Florida Bar's Advanced Construction Law Institute, "Enlightened Dispute Resolution," March 2024; Florida Bar Construction Law Committee, "Voluntary Trial Resolution (Understanding Its Use and Benefits)," November 2021; American Bar Association, "Effective Use of Arbitration," Mid-Winter Meeting of the ABA TIPS Fidelity and Surety Law Committee (2018); The Florida Bar's Advanced Construction Law Certification Review Course, "Chapter 558 Notice and Opportunity to Cure Act," March 2013-March 2015; Columbia County Builders Association, "Construction Contracts," January 2012; Northeast Florida Builder's Association Remodeler's Council, "Contracts for Remodelers," November 2010-2013; Lorman Seminars," Construction Lien Law in Florida," July 2010.

Mediation Rate \$400 Per Hour

Languages English

Citizenship United States of America

Locale Ponte Vedra Beach, FL

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