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Esq.**

**Oviedo, Florida**

**Current Employer-Title** Independent Arbitrator/Mediator

**Profession** Chief Administrative Law Judge (Retired), Attorney

**Work History** Arbitrator, 2022-Present; Chief Administrative Law Judge, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), 2015-2022; Acting Chief Administrative Law Judge, FERC, 2015-2016; Deputy Chief Administrative Law Judge, FERC, 2015; Administrative Law Judge, FERC, 1999-2015; Hearing Office Chief Administrative Law Judge, Social Security Administration, 1996-1999; Administrative Law Judge, Social Security Administration, 1994-1996; Legal Assistant to Division Chief - Mobile Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau - Federal Communications Commission (FCC), 1993-1994; General Attorney - Mobile Services Division, FCC, 1982-1993; Trial Attorney - Compliance Division, Private Radio Bureau, 1980-1982; Trial Attorney, Federal Litigation Division Puerto Rico Department of Justice, 1979-1980; Attorney Advisor, Puerto Rico House of Representatives, 1979; Attorney, 1978-1979.

**Experience** Over 20 years of experience in all aspects of energy law. Including tariff and rates, accounting matters, construction expansion issues, contract interpretation matters, cost allocation, shipping costs, transportation issues, regional transmission organizations issues. Expert in enforcement matters dealing with gas traders. Expert in regulation of energy utilities and administrative law. Expert in corporate law, general business law, government contracts and securities.

Over seven years of experience in leadership role dealing with personnel, budget and mission essential matters, ensuring cases adjudicated in a timely manner. Reduced backlogs of a year to four months. Over five years of experience dealing with attorney responsibility and fee disputes. Five years of experience in healthcare, including social security disability and Medicare billing matters. Fifteen years of experience in communications law specialized in common carrier and cellular matters. Represented agency in license revocation proceedings and other licensing disputes. Experience analyzing and sifting through witness testimony to draft rules in rulemaking proceedings. Wrote rules for the cellular service three times. Experience dealing with Native American Tribal matters. Experience representing Puerto Rico government in federal courts defending prisoner's rights cases. Experience as advisor to Puerto Rico House of Representatives, House Judiciary Committee on Civil Law. During term participated in adopting new mortgage code and rules of Civil Procedure and Evidence for Puerto Rico courts. Experience writing indictments, briefs in criminal matters and implementing Speedy Trial Act in federal courts.

Arbitrated consumer and commercial cases with AAA. Mediated numerous cases in Florida County courts.

Named Woman of the Year, Women Council Woman of the Year, Women Council Energy and Environment, 2018; Energy Bar Association, Diversity and Inclusion Champion, 2020; FERC Career Service Award, 2022. and Environment, 2018; received award Energy Bar Association, Diversity and Inclusion Champion, 2020; and FERC Career Service Award, 2022.

<b>Mediator Experience</b>	<p>Mediated cases dealing with failure to pay in contract dispute, credit card cases, solar panels, house sales, construction disputes, failure to perform under contract, solar panels, evictions rental disputes, warranties, and health care cases. As settlement judge facilitated over 100 cases dealing with a variety of energy disputes. For instance, new construction of facilities and costs allocation, inter seams border issues, tariffs, rates and accounting issues for utilities. Mediated oil and gas pipeline cases including costs to be paid by shippers and other accounting matters. Facilitated various matters dealing with the California energy crisis. Facilitated disputes arising out of emergency conditions on pipelines and who should pay the costs. Additionally, facilitated disputes concerning pipeline expansions. Facilitated disputes on matters of bankruptcy of market participants. Facilitated dispute on pipeline shipping of airline fuel after pandemic. Facilitated disputes concerning wholesale power contracts and rate design issues, reactive power revenue issues, mergers, transmission formula rates and cost recovery matters. Florida Supreme Court certified County and Circuit mediator. Currently conducting mediations in Seminole County Court and volunteer mediator in Lake County Court.</p> <p>Received training at National Judicial College, Certificate on Civil Mediation, 2006; Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Certificate Advanced Civil Mediation, 2019; Harvard Law School, Negotiation and Leadership, 2016; Harvard Law School, Harvard Negotiation Master Class, 2019.</p>
<b>Mediator Style &amp; Process Preferences</b>	<p>Consensual resolution of disputes is exponentially more satisfactory for the parties than a judge deciding a dispute. Consensual resolution is a business decision which benefits the parties. A mediator is a facilitator to get parties to a dispute to come to the table and try to get a consensual resolution of the matter. I will strive to get the parties to establish a beneficial dialogue and will not leave a matter until it gets resolved.</p>
<b>Technology Proficiency</b>	<p>Instrumental in adopting virtual hearings at FERC, this included platforms for electronic exhibits to eliminate the use of paper exhibits at hearings. Have conducted settlement judge proceedings using online platforms. In addition, have conducted arbitrations using online platforms. Have resolved numerous ESI issues in discovery disputes in hearings.</p>
<b>Education</b>	<p>University of Puerto Rico (JD, cum laude-1978; BBA, Management and Marketing, Magna Cum Laude-1975).</p>
<b>Professional Licenses</b>	<p>Admitted to the Bar: District of Columbia (1985), Puerto Rico (1978/inactive); US Court of Appeals: 1st Circuit (1978), D.C. Circuit (1985); US Supreme Court (1983).</p> <p>Florida Supreme Court certified Appellate, Circuit and County Mediator.</p>
<b>Professional Associations</b>	<p>Arbitrator, DC Bar Attorney/Client Arbitration Board (2014-Present); Board Member, DC Board on Professional Responsibility (2009-2012); Chair Hearing Committee 2, DC Bar, Board on Professional Responsibility (2006-2007); Lawyer Member, DC Bar Board on Professional Responsibility, Hearing Committee 10 (2003-2006); Lawyer Alternate, Hearing Committee 10, DC Bar Board on Professional Responsibility (2001); President, The Forum of Administrative Law Judges (2007-2009); Secretary, Hispanic Bar Association of DC (1981); Board Member, Fairfax County Board on Organ and Tissue Transplantation (2014-2015).</p>
<b>Recent Publications &amp; Speaking Engagements</b>	<p>DC Bar - Constitutional Law, DC public schools; various panels for Energy Bar Association.</p>
<b>Locations Where Parties Will Not be Charged for Travel Expenses</b>	<p>Within an hour from Orlando, Florida.</p>
<b>Mediation Rate</b>	<p>\$300 Per Hour</p>
<b>Languages</b>	<p>English, Spanish</p>
<b>Citizenship</b>	<p>United States of America</p>
<b>Locale</b>	<p>Oviedo, FL</p>

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