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Current Employer-Title

Joseph M. Matthews, P.A. - Principal/Arbitrator/Mediator/Advocate

Mediation Profession

Mediator, Special Master, Arbitrator, Advocate - International and Domestic Business, Employment and Consumer Disputes, Commercial, Construction, Financial Services, Securities, Mining and Energy, Mergers and Acquisitions, Class Actions, Government Contracts, Information Technology, Insurance, Health Care.

Work History

Joseph M. Matthews, P.A. - present; Partner, Colson Hicks Eidson, 1989-2017; Special Counsel, Senator Bob Graham, 1989; Partner, Murai, Wald, Biondo & Matthews, 1980-89; Special Counsel, Division of Florida Land Sales and Condominiums, 1979-80; Associate, Paul, Landy & Beiley, 1977-79.

Experience

DOMESTIC - 40 years of experience as advocate, arbitrator, mediator and special master. Cases include business, contract, construction, insurance coverage, reinsurance, insurance agent, business interruption and property loss, directors and officers liability, property and casualty, life/health and disability, professional liability and crop insurances; professional liability, securities, financial services, corporate finance, partnership and mergers and acquisitions, hospitality, business and consumer fraud, labor and employment, class action and personal injury disputes.

INTERNATIONAL - 15 years of experience as advocate and arbitrator. Cases include investment treaty arbitration, international commercial arbitration, maritime insurance and reinsurance treaty disputes and general business disputes under all the major international arbitration forums and teaching international arbitration in Europe, Asia and North America.

Experience as a Mediator

State of Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Mediator; Certified Mediator under the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida; Certified Mediator, Center for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR); conducted mediations as a neutral involving complicated business disputes between privately owned U.S. businesses engaged in varied fields, including construction, insurance and reinsurance, health care, banking, mortgage, securities, and general business activities; specific mediations involving government agencies including the City of Miami, the State of Florida Department of Financial Services and an agency of the government of the Dominican Republic, as well as tort and negligence disputes, including sophisticated product liability and medical malpractice.

Representative Issues Handled as a Mediator

A selection of the primary issues handled includes buy-out compensation in partnership dispute, present valuation of long term contract between government

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agency and provider of construction services, resolution of complicated class action against City related to parking fees charged, re-allocation of mortgages as part of securitization in rescission action, resolution of language interpretation as part of P&C liability reinsurance treaty between re-insurer and Department of Financial Services, as liquidator, as well as fairly sophisticated product liability and medical malpractice issues.

Years of Practice as a Mediator 5

Total Number of Cases Mediated 15

Mediation Experience as an Advocate or Party As a member of the Florida Bar actively engaged in commercial litigation for forty (40) years, participated as advocate and worked with some of the best and most successful mediators in the country.

Mediation Philosophy As an advocate for many different types of parties over the past 25 or more years in Florida since mediation has been legislatively mandated in every disputes, I have observed many different approaches to mediation and many different philosophies. Mediation is not a "one size fits all" process. I have generally been impressed by mediators who spend the time necessary to understand the motivations and personal characteristics of the decision makers involved and try to employ those techniques best suited to resolving the dispute between those parties. Of course, mediators bring their own personalities and abilities to the process and not every mediator is suited to every dispute. The best statement of philosophy is that I listen carefully to the parties and their counsel, learn as quickly as possible how they approach the dispute and then, employ the tools and personalities best suited to resolve that specific dispute between those specific parties.

Mediation References Jorge Guerra, jlg@rtgn-law.com, (305) 350-2300
Robert Josefsberg, rjosefsberg@podhurst.com (305) 358-2800
Mark J. Heise, mheise@bsfllp.com, (305) 357-8460

Alternative Dispute Resolution Training AAA/ICDR Council, New York Law School, Cornell Scheinman Institute Conference, 2018; CEDR-CPR Mediator Skills Training, February 20-23, 2018; AAA-ICDR Council and Columbia Law School Conference: The Future of Arbitration, 2017; Faculty, AAA/CCA Arbitration from A to Z - For Both Advocates and Arbitrators, 2017; AAA What Advocates Can Learn From Walking In An Arbitrator's Shoes, 2016; AAA The 31st Annual Joint Colloquium, NY, 2014; AAA Maximizing Efficiency & Economy in Arbitration: Challenges at the Preliminary Hearing, 2013; Faculty, ICDR 10th Annual Miami International Arbitration Conference - The Greatest Hits, 2012; Mediation Training Group, Inc., Continuing Mediation Education Workshop Program-A, 2012; Mediation Services, Inc., Circuit Civil Mediation Training Program, 2010; ICDR International Mediation Techniques for Mediators & Advocates, 2011; Faculty, AAA Managing Your First Arbitration, 2011; ICDR International Symposia in Advanced Case Management Issues, 2009; ICDR 6th Annual Miami International Arbitration Conference, 2008; ICDR 5th Annual Miami International Arbitration Conference,

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Arbitration in Las Americas: A 360 Degree View, 2007; Attended AAA Annual Board Meeting, Arbitrator Update, 2006; AAA Chairing an Arbitration Panel: Managing Procedures, Process & Dynamics (ACE005), 2005; Attended AAA Neutrals Conference, 2003; AAA Arbitrator Update, 2003; AAA Large, Complex Case Arbitrator Training, 1993; AAA Commercial Arbitrator II Training: Advanced Case Management Issues, 2002; AAA Commercial Arbitrator Training, 1999; AAA Large, Complex Case Arbitrator Training, 1993; various other ADR training programs sponsored by AAA and attendance at numerous Arbitration Symposia, including London Court of International Arbitration, 2001.

Professional Licenses

Admitted to the Bar: Florida, 1977; District of Columbia, 1979; U.S. District Court: Southern (1978), Northern (1980), and Middle (1989) Districts of Florida; U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit, 1981; U.S. Court of Federal Claims, 1990; U.S. Supreme Court, 2004.

Member, AAA Large and Complex Case Panel, AAA Class Arbitration Panel, AAA M&A and Joint Venture Panel, ICDR International Panel, Hong Kong International Court of Arbitration Panel, Dispute Board Federation

Professional Associations

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Chartered Arbitrator and Fellow); College of Commercial Arbitrators (Fellow); International Academy of Trial Lawyers (President - 2015); American Arbitration Association (Board of Directors(2003-2015); Executive Committee - 2013-2015); The Dispute Board Federation (Director 2018); American Law Institute (2014-present); American College of Trial Lawyers (Fellow); American Board of Trial Advocates; American Bar Association; Florida Bar Association; District of Columbia Bar Association; Miami-Dade County Bar Association.

Education

The Defiance College (BA-1974)
University of Miami (JD, summa cum laude-1977)

Publications and Speaking Engagements

"Difficult Transitions Do Not Always Require Major Adjustment - It's Not Time to Abandon Party-Nominated Arbitrators in Investment Arbitration," ICSID REVIEW - FOREIGN INVESTMENT LAW JOURNAL, 2011; "Transparency in Investment Arbitration: A Creeping Reality?," 4 NEW YORK DISPUTE RESOLUTION LAWYER, Spring 2011, 49-50; "Time to Evaluate the Standards for Issuance of Interim Measures of Protection in International Investment Arbitration," ARBITRATION INTERNATIONAL, vol. 25, issue 4, 2009; "Recognition and Enforcement of U.S. Class Action Judgments and Settlements in Switzerland," REVUE SUISSE DE DROIT INTERNATIONAL ET DE DROIT EUROPEEN, 2008; "Are Florida Courts Really Parochial When it Comes to Arbitration? A Rebuttal," THE FLORIDA BAR JOURNAL, December 2007; "Let the Sun Shine In and be Proud: The Case for Arbitration Rules that Presumptively Grant Public Access to All Arbitration Proceedings," TRANSNATIONAL DISPUTE MANAGEMENT JOURNAL, 2006; "Consumer Arbitration: Is It Working Now and Will it Work in the Future?" THE FLORIDA BAR JOURNAL, vol. 79, no. 4, April 2005; "Online Arbitration of Cross-Border, Business to Consumer Disputes," UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI LAW REVIEW, vol. 56, p.1111, 2003; "State Immunity From Zoning, A Question of Reasonableness," UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI LAW REVIEW, vol. 31, p. 191, 1977; "Evidence," UNIVERSITY OF

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MIAMI LAW REVIEW, vol. 31, p. 951; associate editor, "Commercial Litigation," THE JOURNAL OF THE ACADEMY OF FLORIDA TRIAL LAWYERS, 1990-94. "Time to Evaluate the Standards for Issuance of Interim Measures of Protection in International Investment Arbitration," ARBITRATION INTERNATIONAL, vol. 25, issue 4, 2009; "Recognition and Enforcement of U.S. Class Action Judgments and Settlements in Switzerland," REVUE SUISSE DE DROIT INTERNATIONAL ET DE DROIT EUROPEEN, 2008; "Are Florida Courts Really Parochial When it Comes to Arbitration? A Rebuttal," THE FLORIDA BAR JOURNAL, December 2007; "Let the Sun Shine In and be Proud: The Case for Arbitration Rules that Presumptively Grant Public Access to All Arbitration Proceedings," TRANSNATIONAL DISPUTE MANAGEMENT JOURNAL, 2006; "Consumer Arbitration: Is It Working Now and Will it Work in the Future?" THE FLORIDA BAR JOURNAL, vol. 79, no. 4, April 2005; "Online Arbitration of Cross-Border, Business to Consumer Disputes," UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI LAW REVIEW, vol. 56, p.1111, 2003; "State Immunity From Zoning, A Question of Reasonableness," UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI LAW REVIEW, vol. 31, p. 191, 1977; "Evidence," UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI LAW REVIEW, vol. 31, p. 951; associate editor, "Commercial Litigation," THE JOURNAL OF THE ACADEMY OF FLORIDA TRIAL LAWYERS, 1990-94.

Citizenship
Languages
Locale

United States of America
English
Coral Gables, Florida, United States of America

Compensation

Hearing: \$500.00/Hr
Study: \$500.00/Hr
Cancellation Period: 0 Days
Comment: \$500 per hour.

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