

**Joe Matthews**  
**Joseph M. Matthews, P.A.**

### **Professional Experience**

Member Colson Hicks Eidson, P.A., Miami, Florida from 1989-2017. Special Counsel to U.S. Senator Bob Graham in 1989. Partner, Murai, Wald, Biondo & Matthews, 1980-88.

### **Primary Practice Areas**

For 41 years an advocate in state and federal trial and appellate courts and in arbitration.  
For 25 years an arbitrator in Commercial, Construction, Contract, Insurance, Domestic and International Business, Consumer and Class Action Disputes.  
For 5 years a mediator in Domestic and International Business Disputes and also Personal Injury and Admiralty Disputes.  
Currently spends 90% of time as arbitrator or mediator.

### **Dispute Resolution Experience and Training**

*Experience:* Has served as arbitrator in more than 250 arbitrations. Cases include international and domestic disputes involving general business matters, construction, employment relations, securities, health care, insurance and reinsurance and recent service as arbitrator in class arbitration proceedings before the American Arbitration Association. Since the early 1980's, has served as an advocate in more than 50 arbitrations both privately and under the auspices of AAA, NASD, ICC and other dispute resolution forums.

*Training:* January 2004, organized and directed a week-long conference in Austria sponsored by the Center for International Legal Studies entitled "Liabilities and Responsibilities of Lawyers in International Disputes." October 2004, participated in Panel Conference on the Role of Lawyers in a Democracy at the Central Party School in Beijing, China. September 2006, taught three-week seminar on International Arbitration and The Rule of Law at the National University of Mongolia School of Law. October 2006, Guest Lecturer at the University of Dundee, Scotland - Arbitration in Developing Nations. Speaker, 2005 and 2006 ICDR 4th and 5th Annual Miami International Arbitration Conference. Speaker, 2007 Fourth Annual Seminar on International Commercial Arbitration - How to Handle Oil and Gas Industry Cases. Taught Advanced Seminar on International Arbitration-Dispute Resolution, June 2009, Center for Energy, Petroleum and Mineral Law and Policy, University of Dundee. AAA Large, Complex Case Arbitrator Training, 6/93; AAA Arbitrator I Training AAA Arbitrator II, Advanced Case Management Issues, 3/02; Various ADR training programs sponsored by AAA and attendance at numerous Arbitration Symposia, including London Court of International Arbitration, 10/01 and 21st Joint Colloquium on International Arbitration, ICC, AAA, ICSID, Paris, 11/04.

For additional information on Dispute Resolution experience, see [www.jmatthews-pa.com](http://www.jmatthews-pa.com).

### **Selected Honors, Awards, Publications and/or Professional and Civic Associations**

*Professional Associations:* AAA/ICDR (Former Director and Member of Executive Committee); Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Fellow and Chartered Arbitrator); International Academy of Trial Lawyers (Fellow and former President); American College of Trial Lawyers (Fellow); American Board of Trial Advocates (Member and former National Board Member); Dispute Board Federation (Fellow and Member of Board). Honors: Listed in The Best Lawyers in America, 1996-present; "Bet the Company Cases", 2005-present; Leading American Lawyers, 1997-present; International Who's Who, Professionals, 1998-present.

*Publications:* "Identifying and Overcoming Arbitrator Bias - Advocacy in International Arbitration" TRANSNATIONAL DISPUTE MANAGEMENT JOURNAL, Special Issue, Summer 2008; "Recognition and Enforcement of U.S. class action judgment and settlements in Switzerland," (with Daniele Favalli), REVIEW SUISSE DE DROIT INTERNATIONAL ET EUROPEEN April 2007; "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



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Arbitration Proceedings" TRANSNATIONAL DISPUTE MANAGEMENT JOURNAL, 2006; "The Role of Arbitrators in Settlement of Claims Pending Before Them for Decision," TRANSNATIONAL DISPUTE MANAGEMENT JOURNAL, Vol. 2, Issue 5 November 2005; "Deposition and Discovery," TRANSNATIONAL DISPUTE MANAGEMENT JOURNAL, Vol. 2, Issue 3 June 2005; "Consumer Arbitration - Is It Working and Will It Continue to Work?", THE FLORIDA BAR JOURNAL, April 2005; "Online Arbitration of Cross-Border, Business to Consumer Disputes, UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI LAW REVIEW, vol. 56, p.1111, 2003; "Is It Possible to Try a \$100,000 Business Case to a Jury Without Bankrupting Yourself and Your Client?" THE FLORIDA BAR JOURNAL, October 1997.

### **Education**

B.A. *magna cum laude*, The Defiance College, 1974; J.D., *summa cum laude* (1st in Class), University of Miami, 1977

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