



**Joe Matthews**

*Joseph M. Matthews, P.A.*

Joe Matthews was a trial and appellate advocate for more than 42 years. He is a magna cum laude graduate of the University of Miami, School of Law where he was an Editor of the Law Review and recipient of the Wesley Sturges Award, graduating first in his class.

He is a Fellow and Past-President of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates, a member of the American Law Institute and an Honorary Bencher of the Inn of Court of Northern Ireland.

Mr. Matthews has been an arbitrator for more than 30 years. He is a Chartered Arbitrator and Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and a Fellow of the College of Commercial Arbitrators. He served for 12 years as a member of the Board of Directors of American Arbitration Association and for 3 years on its Executive Committee. He now serves as a Fellow and member of the Board of Directors of The Dispute Board Federation.

He is a Florida Certified Circuit Civil Mediator and Certified Mediator by the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR). He serves as mediator in complex commercial, construction, insurance, hospitality, health care, employment, class action and personal injury cases pending in state and federal courts of the United States, as well as in commercial and investment arbitration disputes domestically and internationally. He is a member of the Panel of Mediators appointed by the United States District Courts for the Southern and Middle Districts of Florida and is also on the AAA Panel of Mediators.

Mr. Matthews has lectured and taught extensively in the US and other countries on various topics including substantive law, civil justice systems and procedure, trial tactics, arbitration, rule of law and ethics, as well as technology. He taught arbitration at the National University of Mongolia and at the University of Dundee, in Dundee Scotland. He has lectured at the Central Party School, Beijing, China, Dubai, Salzburg, Belfast, Dublin, Edinburgh and throughout the United States. He is an Adjunct Faculty member at Florida International University School of Law.

## **EXPERIENCE AS ADVOCATE, ARBITRATOR AND MEDIATOR IN ADR:**

### **Domestic Subject Matter:**

42 years as advocate, arbitrator, special master, and mediator. During early career majority of practice as advocate involved sophisticated construction and real property development disputes. As advocate and neutral, cases have included construction, insurance coverage, hospitality, professional liability, securities, partnership and mergers and acquisitions disputes, business fraud and consumer fraud, labor and employment, Qui Tam, False Claims Act, and class action cases.

### **International Subject Matter:**

More than 20 years as advocate, arbitrator, mediator, and lecturer. Cases include major construction and infrastructure, mining and energy, insurance, health care, hospitality and international commercial arbitration disputes in major international arbitration forums and teaching international arbitration in Europe, Asia, Africa and North America.

### **ADR Experience as Neutral:**

#### **As Arbitrator:**

Domestically, neutral arbitrator in more than 300 arbitrations; party appointed arbitrator in more than 50 arbitrations. Internationally, arbitrator in more than 50 cases. Chair in more than 50 cases domestically and internationally. Cases include disputes over domestic and international general business matters, construction, hospitality, mining, business and consumer fraud and class arbitrations, employment relations, securities, mergers and acquisitions disputes, health care, insurance and reinsurance, energy and mining and technology.

A small sampling of some of the cases in which Mr. Matthews served as arbitrator or master follows:

- Served as Special Master in Federal Fair Labor Standards Act claims against owner of multiple restaurant and service operations.
- Served as sole arbitrator, neutral or chair in dozens of construction contract disputes administered by the AAA, ICDR and also in *ad hoc* proceedings.
- Served as party-nominated arbitrator in international commercial dispute involving multi-national hotel operator administered by ICC.
- Served as party-nominated arbitrator in companion international commercial disputes involving the Brazilian Oil and Gas Industry administered by ICDR and LCIA.

- Served as President of Tribunal in international commercial dispute involving manufacturer/distributor in Brasil administered by ICDR.
- Served as arbitrator in investment arbitration administered by ICSID, involving claims by Italian mining interests against the Government of the Republic of South Africa.
- Served as party-nominated arbitrator in dispute administered by ICC between Taiwanese corporation and U.S. based entertainment provider over landing rights for satellite transmissions into the country of Taiwan.
- Served as arbitrator (not chair) in multimillion dollar dispute administered by AAA involving sale of U.S. mortgage banking entity that resulted in Award of millions of dollars following more than 10 days of formal hearings.
- Served as chair in franchise dispute administered by AAA in technology employment field involving claim for millions of dollars resulting in award of substantial damages.
- Served as chair in *ad hoc* dispute involving sale of a business with claim for millions of dollars that resulted in an award of no compensation.
- Served as sole arbitrator in domestic dispute arising out of sub-prime mortgages that resulted in an award of damages against loan originator.
- Served as sole arbitrator in disputes administered by the AAA and *ad hoc* under the Federal Multiple Peril Crop Insurance Common Crop Insurance Policy. At least two such arbitrations have resulted in the entry of Final Awards.
- Served as chair with neutral arbitrators in dispute administered by the AAA involving the termination of a managing general agency agreement that resulted in award of millions of dollars.
- Served as neutral (not chair) in dispute between harbor pilot and harbor pilot association involving termination of the pilot that resulted in damage award in favor of the pilot.

#### **As Mediator:**

Since 2015, served as mediator in approximately 35 disputes. Most have been in state and federal courts of Florida. Cases include commercial, insurance coverage, personal injury, family business, franchise, admiralty, class actions, international business and general corporate disputes.

A small sampling of cases in which Mr. Matthews has served as Mediator follows:

- Business dispute between two partners in real estate development that was resolved by split of properties and cash
- Multiple personal injury disputes against a major cruise company, some on behalf of seafarers and some on behalf of passengers
- Assault claim against municipality
- Disputes over reinsurance obligations
- Disputes involving breakup of family businesses and trust
- Disputes involving class action claims
- Disputes involving technology franchise agreements
- Disputes involving claims of deceptive and unfair trade practices
- Dispute involving claims of securities laws violations

## JOSEPH MICHAEL MATTHEWS

### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

- JOSEPH M. MATTHEWS, P.A. (2001-Present)
- THE LAW FIRM OF COLSON HICKS EIDSON, P.A. (1989-2017)
- SENATOR BOB GRAHAM, Washington, D.C. Special Counsel, (1/89 - 7/89)
- MURAI, WALD, BIONDO, MATTHEWS & MORENO, P. A. (10/80 - 12/88)
- PAUL, LANDY & BEILEY (11/77-10/80)
- UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI SCHOOL OF LAW, Adjunct Faculty (1981 – 1985 and 2017)
- FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW Adjunct Faculty (2020-Present)

### EDUCATION:

#### Law School:

- University of Miami School of Law, J. D. (1977)  
No. 1 of 341; Wesley Sturges Honor Scholar;  
Articles and Comments Editor, UM Law Review;

#### Undergraduate:

- The Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio, B. A. (1974)  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
National Champion, Persuasive Speaking

### BAR ADMISSIONS:

- Florida Bar (11/18/77)
- District of Columbia Bar (5/7/79)

### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

- International Academy of Trial Lawyers (President 2015)
- Honorary Bencher, Inn of Court of Northern Ireland
- American College of Trial Lawyers (2006)
- American Board of Trial Advocates (2007)
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Fellow and Chartered Arbitrator)

- College of Commercial Arbitrators (Fellow)
- The Dispute Board Federation, Geneva (Fellow and Director)
- American Arbitration Association, Board of Directors and Executive Committee (2003-2015; Neutral Arbitrator, Commercial, Large and Complex Case, Class Action and International Panels; Panel of Mediators)
- Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre
- American Law Institute (Member)
- Florida Certified Circuit Civil Mediator
- Mediator, United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida
- Certified Mediator, Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR)
- The Florida Bar
- Miami-Dade County Bar Association
- Commissioner, Third District Court of Appeal, Judicial Nominating Commission (1983 - 1987)
- Member Florida Board of Bar Examiners (1987 - 1990)

#### **PROFESSIONAL AWARDS:**

- Who's Who Among College and University Students (1977)
- The Best Lawyers in America (1996-present)
- Leading American Lawyers (1997-present)
- International Who's Who of Professionals (1998)
- Florida Super Lawyers (2006-present)

#### **RECENT LECTURES AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

Mr. Matthews has presented more than 100 lectures and seminars on topics including commercial litigation and arbitration, evidence, procedure, ethics, and professional conduct in dispute resolution. The most recent include:

- Construction SuperConference 2019 – Emergency and Interim Relief in Domestic and International Construction Arbitration – December 2019
- IATL Uganda Judiciary Collaborative – Case Management and ADR – October 29-November 2, 2018
- NCMG International Commercial Arbitration Training – ADR for Nigerian Judiciary – July 25-27, 2018 – Dubai, UAE
- Florida Bar Construction Seminar – March 10, 2018 – Construction Arbitration
- December 11, 2017 – Faculty of Advocates – Edinburgh Scotland – Trial and Arbitration Advocacy from a US Attorney's Viewpoint

- April 6, 2017 – Global Pound Conference – Miami – Panel Moderator
- November 17-18, 2016 – Dublin Arbitration Day 2016, Moderator Young Practitioners’ Program and Speaker, Panel Discussion – Third Party Funding
- September 30, 2016 – UM International Arbitration Institute/Miami International Arbitration Society/FIU Law International Arbitration Masters Series – “How to Persuade a Tribunal” – Training Coach
- September 2016 – IBA Barrister Forum – Trial Demonstration
- April 2016 – Speaker – International Advocacy Training Conference – Belfast, Northern Ireland
- October 2014 – Visiting Lecturer – National University of Mongolia, School of Law – “The Great Mongol Empire and The Magna Carta, Two Pillars of Modern Justice Systems”
- ICCA 2014 Miami – Panel Moderator, Judges and Users Panel, “Arbitration, Myths, Realities, Changes”
- June 2013 – Bar Council of Ireland, Dublin – Lecture, Impact of Disruptive Technology on Trial Practice (video available)
- June 2013 – Lecturer, Arab College of Haifa, Israel – World Jurist Association – Global Economy and the Rule of Law in a Changing World – “Development of the Rule of Law Through Advocacy in International Arbitration”
- April 2013 – Dean’s Address – International Academy of Trial Lawyers – “Trial Advocacy in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Global Village” (video available)
- April 2012 – Lecturer, Washington, D.C. – World Jurist Association – Law and Technology: Innovation in the Digital Age – “Online Resolution of Transnational Consumer Disputes”
- June 2009 – Visiting Professor – Advanced Seminar (one week) on International Dispute Settlement – Centre for Energy, Petroleum and Mineral Law and Policy, University of Dundee, Dundee, Scotland
- Lecturer – 2007 Fourth Annual Seminar on International Commercial Arbitration, American University, Washington, D.C. – How to Handle Oil and Gas Industry Cases

- Lecturer - 2005 and 2006 ICDR 4<sup>th</sup> and 5th Annual Miami International Arbitration Conference
- October 2006 - Guest Lecturer at the University of Dundee, Scotland – Arbitration in Developing Nations
- September 2006 - taught three-week seminar on International Arbitration and The Rule of Law at the National University of Mongolia School of Law
- October 2004 – Participated in Conference on the Role of Lawyers in a Democracy at the Central Party School in Beijing, China
- 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.”

#### **PUBLICATIONS:**

- “Emergency Relief in Domestic and International Construction” THE CONSTRUCTION LAWYER, Spring 2019 (with Kate Krause)
- “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
- “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 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 (with Karen Stewart), 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
- Associate editor, “Commercial Litigation,” THE JOURNAL OF THE ACADEMY OF FLORIDA TRIAL LAWYERS, 1990-94 (monthly review of commercial law in Florida)
- “State Immunity From Zoning, A Question of Reasonableness,” UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI LAW REVIEW, vol. 31, p. 191; 1977
- “Survey of the Law of Evidence” (With William Hicks) UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI LAW REVIEW, vol. 31, p. 951; 1977

#### **Alternative Dispute Resolution Continuing Professional Development:**

AAA Neutrals Retreat, March 2019; CPR Annual Conference 2019; Arbitration Ireland, Dublin International Arbitration Day Conference 2016; Florida Dispute Resolution Center Conference, August 12-13, 2016; AAA Miami Roundtable, June 2, 2016, Facilitator; BRDGES Academy, Ethics For all Mediators, May 6-6, 2016; AAA Miami Commercial Arbitrator Roundtable, March 31, 2016; American Law Institute, Consultative Group Meeting, Restatement of the Law of International Commercial Arbitration, February 5, 2016; College of Commercial Arbitrators Annual Conference and Seminar, 2012; ICDR 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Miami International Arbitration Conference, 2012; Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Civil Mediation Training Program (5 day training for certification by Florida Supreme Court); ICDR International Symposia in

Advanced Case Management Issues, 2009; ICDR 6th Annual Miami International Arbitration Conference, 2008; ICDR 5th Annual Miami International Arbitration Conference, 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.

**Personal:**

Born: April 28, 1952  
Married: JoAnne Hatch Matthews – June 29, 1974

**Miscellaneous:**

Mr. Matthews previously served as Chair of the Greater Miami YMCA and as a member of the Board of Trustees of his alma mater, The Defiance College. He currently serves as pro bono counsel for Rebuilding Together Miami.