



A. Michelle Jernigan

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Professional Education and Qualifications

J.D. Stetson University College of Law, 1981

B.S. (Political Science) Stetson University, 1979

Nova University, Post Graduate Studies / Psychology

- ♦ Certified Circuit Court Mediator
- ♦ Certified U.S. District Court Mediator, Middle District of Florida
- ♦ Windstorm Umpire
- ♦ Certified Florida 5th DCA Appellate Mediator
- ♦ Certified NASD Mediator and Arbitrator
- ♦ National Arbitration Forum Arbitrator

Practice Experience

Including but not limited to...

- ♦ Hurricane
- ♦ ERISA
- ♦ Real Estate
- ♦ Personal Injury
- ♦ Divorce
- ♦ Family Business
- ♦ Insurance Disputes
- ♦ Construction and Commercial
- ♦ Securities
- ♦ Employment Law
- ♦ Trademark / Copyright

Background

Michelle Jernigan was admitted to The Florida Bar in 1982. She actively practiced law until 1987 when she began her mediation career. Ms. Jernigan became a certified circuit civil and family mediator in 1988. To date she has mediated literally thousands of cases, specializing in hurricane, ERISA, commercial, construction, personal injury and employment disputes. She has also served as chair on numerous NASD arbitration panels and is frequently selected to arbitrate commercial and insurance disputes.

Ms. Jernigan has been a mediation panelist with Upchurch Watson White and Max since 1992. She is a Founding Member, Past President and Director of the Florida Academy of Professional Mediators, the first statewide, not-for-profit association of its kind serving Florida's court certified mediators. Ms. Jernigan has served as an Assistant and Primary Trainer in the Florida Circuit Civil and Family Mediator Certification Courses since 1992.

Having a vast array of experience as a mediator and arbitrator, Ms. Jernigan is a frequent lecturer in the field of Alternative Dispute Resolution throughout the state of Florida and has published a number of articles on mediation.

Memberships, Publications

- ♦ Founding Member / Director / Past President: Florida Academy of Professional Mediators
- ♦ Member / Director: American College of Civil Trial Mediators
- ♦ Mediator: Florida Bar Mediation Grievance Program
- ♦ Member: Florida Supreme Court Mediation Training Review Board
- ♦ Consultant: Florida Supreme Court Mediation Mentorship Rules development
- ♦ Co-Author: "*Mediation Proceedings*" Chapter 8, Florida Dissolution of Marriage, (4th ed.1993).
- ♦ Real Estate Sales Associate, State of Florida (1999)
- ♦ Member: Cambridge Who's Who

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