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Professional Education and Qualifications

B.A. Wake Forest University

J.D. University of Florida College of Law

Member: Order of the Coif, Florida Law Review
(Articles Editor and Title Standards Editor)

- ♦ Certified Circuit Court Mediator
- ♦ Certified U.S. District Court Mediator, Middle District of Florida
- ♦ Appellate Mediator - Fifth District Court of Appeal
- ♦ Martindale-Hubble Rating of AV

Practice Experience

Including but not limited to...

- ♦ Commercial Litigation
- ♦ Real Estate Litigation
- ♦ Contract Disputes
- ♦ Business Torts
- ♦ Insurance Coverage Disputes
- ♦ Eminent Domain
- ♦ Employment Law
- ♦ Personal Injury
- ♦ Products Liability

Background

Michael Orfinger is a principal in the mediation firm of Upchurch Watson White & Max. Mr. Orfinger was previously a shareholder with the law firm of Smith, Hood, Perkins, Loucks, Stout & Orfinger, P.A., and has practiced law in Central Florida since 1989.

Mr. Orfinger possesses a variety of experience in commercial and civil litigation. He has handled contract disputes and business torts, as well as real estate litigation, eminent domain, employment law, insurance defense, and insurance coverage disputes. Mr. Orfinger is an experienced appellate practitioner as well, has spoken at continuing legal education seminars, and has been a contributing author to various continuing legal education publications of The Florida Bar.

Firm Experience, Memberships, Publications

- ♦ Smith, Hood, Perkins, Loucks, Stout & Orfinger, P.A. 1991 – 2003.
- ♦ Carlton, Fields, Ward, Emmanuel, Smith & Cutler, P.A. 1989 – 1991.
- ♦ Member, Appellate Mediation Subcommittee of ADR Rules and Policy Committee
- ♦ Member, Dunn-Blount Chapter of American Inns of Court
- ♦ Member, Florida Bar Grievance Committee, 7A, 1998 – 2000 Chair, Feb. – Dec. 2000
- ♦ Author, “Depositions and Discovery”, Florida Civil Practice Before Trial (6th ed. 2000 & 5th ed. 1995 supp.)
- ♦ Author, “Compelling Attendance of Witnesses and Production of Evidence” Florida Civil Trial Practice (5th ed. 1998 and 4th ed. 1994 supp.)
- ♦ Author, “Depositions and Discovery” Florida Civil Practice Before Trial (5th ed. 1993 and 1995 supp.) (co-authored with Lawrence M. Watson, Jr.)
- ♦ Author, “Battered Child Syndrome: Evidence of Prior Acts in Disguise,” 41 *Fla. L. Rev.* 345

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