



Joe Matthews

Joseph M. Matthews, P.A.

Joe Matthews has been a trial and appellate advocate before courts and arbitral tribunals for 35 years, primarily in Florida. 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.

For more than 25 years Florida has mandated that parties in civil disputes attend mediation before cases may be tried. Mr. Matthews has consequently participated as an advocate in more than 100 mediations. In addition to his practice as an advocate, Mr. Matthews has been a neutral mediator and arbitrator with the American Arbitration Association for more than 20 years, and also with the London Court of International Arbitration, ICSID and the ICC International Court of Arbitration, serving as an arbitrator or mediator in cases ranging from contract, securities and construction disputes, to fraud, insurance coverage, healthcare and international business and investment conflicts.

He is a member of the Board of Directors of the American Arbitration Association, a fellow in the College of Commercial Arbitrators and a fellow in the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

Mr. Matthews is a Florida Certified Circuit Mediator and serves as mediator in commercial, construction and personal injury cases pending in state and federal courts of the United States, as well as in commercial or investment arbitration disputes internationally. He is a member of the Panel of Mediators appointed by the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida and is also on the AAA Panel of Mediators.

Mr. Matthews provides services as a neutral (arbitrator and mediator) through Joseph M. Matthews, P.A. though he remains affiliated with the Law Firm of Colson Hicks, Eidson, P.A. as of counsel, where he continues to handle substantial commercial disputes as advocate.

JOSEPH MICHAEL MATTHEWS

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

- JOSEPH M. MATTHEWS, P.A. (Present)
- THE LAW FIRM OF COLSON HICKS EIDSON, P.A. (Present)
- SENATOR BOB GRAHAM, Washington, D.C. Special Counsel, (1/89 - 7/89)
- MURAI, WALD, BIONDO, MATTHEWS & MORENO, P. A. (10/80 - 12/88)
- STATE OF FLORIDA, DIVISION OF LAND SALES & CONDOMINIUMS (11/79-10/80)
- PAUL, LANDY & BEILEY (11/77-10/79)
- UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI SCHOOL OF LAW, Adjunct Faculty (1981 - 1985)

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)
Magna Cum Laude
National Champion, Persuasive Speaking

BAR ADMISSIONS:

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

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS:

- College of Commercial Arbitrators (Fellow)
- American Arbitration Association, Board of Directors
- (Neutral Arbitrator, Commercial, Large and Complex Case, Class Action and International Panels; Panel of Mediators)
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Fellow)
- Florida Circuit Civil Mediator

- Mediator, United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida
- International Academy of Trial Lawyers (Dean-2012-2013)
- American College of Trial Lawyers (Fellow)
- American Board of Trial Advocates (Member)

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS:

- The Best Lawyers in America (1996-present)
- Leading American Lawyers (1997-present)
- International Who's Who of Professionals (1998-present)
- Florida Super Lawyers (2006-present)

PUBLICATIONS:

“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” (with Karen Stewart) 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, 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

Experience-Domestic:

34 years of experience as advocate, arbitrator and mediator. Cases include contract, construction, insurance coverage, professional liability, securities, partnership and mergers and acquisitions disputes, business fraud and consumer fraud, employment, class action and personal injury cases.

Experience-International:

10 years of experience as advocate, arbitrator and mediator. Cases include investment treaty arbitration, international commercial arbitration under all the major international arbitration forums and teaching international arbitration in Europe, Asia and North America.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Experience:

Domestically, neutral arbitrator in more than 100 arbitrations; party appointed arbitrator in more than 25 arbitrations. Internationally, advocate or arbitrator in more than twenty cases. Cases include disputes over domestic and international general business matters, construction, mining, business and consumer fraud and class arbitrations, employment relations, securities, mergers and acquisitions disputes, health care, insurance and reinsurance and technology. Since the early 1980's, advocate in more than 30 arbitrations both *ad hoc* and under the auspices of AAA and other dispute resolution forums.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Continuing Professional Development:

College of Commercial Arbitrators Annual Conference and Seminar, 2012; ICDR 10th 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.

Subject Areas of Experience:

Business: Experience as advocate and neutral in disputes relating to corporate, commercial, franchise, real estate, mergers and acquisitions, asset purchases, contracts, commercial leases, retail and wholesale distribution, marketing and sales, securities, shareholder disputes and joint ventures.

Construction: Experience as advocate and neutral in virtually all types of construction disputes including design, development, finance, government regulations, critical path and other operational disputes, delay claims and quality of work claims.

Technology: Experience as principal, advocate and neutral in technology and software development and disputes relating to licensing agreements, long distance, VoIP and network services.

Employment: Experience as advocate and neutral in disputes relating to employers and employees regarding employment, employment contracts, executive compensation arrangements, stock option plans, non-competition, non-diversion and confidentiality agreements, and termination arrangements.

International: Experience as advocate and neutral (arbitrator and mediator) in both international business and technology matters including trans-border agreements and investment disputes.