

Charles N. Castagna
Mediator

Resume/CV

Mediation Experience and Qualifications:

Conducted over 3,500 mediations since 1988, in the areas of civil rights, commercial, condominium and homeowner, construction, contract, corporate, employment and non-compete, family law (all issues), franchise disputes, hurricane claims, insurance coverage and bad faith, partnership disputes and dissolutions, personal injury and wrongful death, premises and product liability, probate, professional liability (accounting, dental, legal and medical), real estate, securities and small claims disputes.

Certified Circuit-Civil Mediator since 1990
Certified County Mediator since 1990
Certified Family Mediator since 1992
Certified Federal Mediator since 1992

Legal and Professional Experience:

Charles N. Castagna Mediation, Inc., Clearwater, Florida 1994 - present
Charles N. Castagna, P.A., Clearwater, Florida 1990 - 94
Associate, McMullen, Everett, Logan, Marquardt & Cline, Clearwater, Florida 1987 - 90
Associate, Battaglia, Ross, Hastings, Dicus & Andrews, St. Petersburg, Florida 1985 - 87
Associate, Alcalde, Henderson & O'Bannon, Arlington, Virginia 1983 - 85
Associate, Carr, Jordan, Coyne & Savits, Washington, D.C. 1982 - 83
Law Clerk, Justice James C. Adkins, Jr., Florida Supreme Court, Tallahassee, Florida 1980 - 82

Teaching Experience:

Instructor, Circuit-Civil and Family certification training programs: Dispute Management, Inc., Orlando, Florida; University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida

Adjunct Professor, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Stetson University College of Law, St. Petersburg, Florida

Professional Service:

Member of the former Supreme Court Standing Committee
on Mediation and Arbitration Rules (1993 - 2001)
Member, Clearwater Bar Association Board of Directors (1988-1990; 1990-1992; 1999-2001)
Fmr.. Chair, Clearwater Bar Association ADR Committee
Fmr. Co-Chair, Hillsborough County Bar Association ADR Committee

Professional Service:

Past President, Florida Association of Professional Family Mediators (1999-2001)

Past President, Florida Academy of Professional Mediators (2002-2005)

Lectures and Seminars:

The Florida Bar

Clearwater Bar Association

St. Petersburg Bar Association

Hillsborough County Bar Association

Florida Dispute Resolution Center

Charles N. Castagna Mediation, Inc. (monthly continuing mediator education seminars focusing on mediation ethics)

Professional Memberships:

Florida Academy of Professional Mediators (Diplomate Member)

The Florida Bar

Clearwater Bar Association

St. Petersburg Bar Association

Hillsborough County Bar Association

Professional Recognition:

Award of Merit, Florida Academy of Professional Mediators

Outstanding Family Mediator, 13th Judicial Circuit

Pro Bono Award, Clearwater Bar Association

Leading Florida Attorney, ADR

Who's Who in American Law, ADR

Community Service:

Peer Mediation Trainer, Pinellas County Public Schools

Peer Mediation Volunteer, Hillsborough County Public Schools

Volunteer Speaker, People's Law School

Volunteer Speaker, various civic organizations including Rotary and Kiwanis

Education:

George Washington University, BA

Florida State University, JD