

J. Joaquin Fraxedas

Curriculum Vitae

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PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

J. Joaquin Fraxedas is founder and president of Fraxedas Mediation Firm, a full-service alternative dispute resolution (ADR) firm consisting of seven attorneys, all of whom are Florida Supreme Court certified mediators.

Mr. Fraxedas was first certified as a Circuit-Civil Mediator by the Florida Supreme Court in 1991, and in the past twenty years has mediated more than six thousand complex multi-party actions in state and federal courts, including but not limited to multi-party commercial, construction, admiralty, aviation, railroad, actions against taxing authorities, employment, telecommunications, environmental, franchise, licensing, intellectual property, medical and other professional malpractice, nursing home, catastrophic personal injury and wrongful death, toxic tort, bad faith, class action, multi-district, as well as appellate mediation.

Prior to his ADR practice, Mr. Fraxedas' practice focused on the trial of medical, products liability, and other complex cases, representing corporate defendants and health care professionals.

He has lectured numerous bar and judicial conferences on dispute resolution and has served on the faculty of the University of Florida Levin College of Law as an adjunct professor teaching negotiation. He is a Distinguished Fellow of The American College of Civil Trial Mediators –a national organization of pre-eminent dispute resolution professionals. He is also a Charter Member of The American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) and a member by invitation of the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals.

EDUCATION

- J.D. University of Florida College of Law, 1975
- B.A. University of Florida, 1972

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- Fraxedas Mediation Firm (1999 to present) - President
- Upchurch, Watson, White & Fraxedas (1996 to 1999) – Partner
- Cobb, Cole & Bell (1991 to 1996) – Partner
- Maguire, Voorhis & Wells (Subsequently merged with Holland & Knight) (1981-1991) – Partner
- The Hartford Insurance Company (1978 to 1981) – Regional Counsel
- J. Joaquin Fraxedas, P.A. (1978) – Attorney/Sole practitioner
- Lavigne & Fraxedas (1976 to 1978) – Partner
- The University of Florida Levin College of Law (1994 to 2007) – Adjunct Professor
- Orange County Bar Association Legal Aid Society (1975) - Attorney

COURT ADMISSIONS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Florida Supreme Court (1975)

The Florida Bar (1975)

Orange County Bar Association (1975) (Executive Committee 1992-94)

United States Supreme Court (1981)

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida (1976)

U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida (1976)

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida (1976)

Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Civil Mediator (1991)

Florida Fifth District Court of Appeal Certified Appellate Mediator (2006)

U.S. District Courts, Middle & Southern District of Florida Certified Mediator (1992)

Fellow, American College of Civil Trial Mediators (1995). Voted Distinguished Fellow 2009

American Board of Trial Advocates (1989) – Charter Member

National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals (Advisory Committee) – (2007)

PROFESSIONAL HONORS

- Distinguished Fellow of the American College of Civil Trial Mediators (Voted by Fellows of the College 2009)
- Charter Member of the Orlando Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates (nominated by the executive committee of American Board of Trial Advocates) (1989)
- The Best Lawyers in America (recognized by peers for inclusion) (2006,07,08,09,10)
- Florida Trend’s Legal Elite (recognized by peers for inclusion) (2007, 08, 09, 10)
- Florida Super Lawyers – Corporate Counsel Edition (recognized by peers for inclusion) (2008, 09, 10)
- Orlando’s Best Lawyers (recognized by peers for inclusion) (2006,07,08,08,10)

PUBLICATIONS AND LECTURES

- Article: Mixed Blessings: The Damage Dilemma in Birth Related Actions, Trial Advocate Quarterly (1989)
- Novel: The Lonely Crossing of Juan Cabrera, St. Martin’s Press, N.Y., (1993)
- Commencement Speaker at Georgia College and State University, Milledgeville, Georgia (2004)
- Numerous CLE Seminar Presentations to bar and judicial conferences as well as fortune 500 companies and educational institutions (1983 - present).
- Most recent CLE presentation to the “Florida Justice Association Annual Workhorse Seminar” Successful Mediation in Cases That Are Ripe for Settlement, Disney World, (February 2011).