

## Rate Card & Curriculum Vitae – 2024



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#### Rate Card:

##### Mediation Rates:

- 2 Party Case: \$200 per party per hour
- 3 Party Case: \$150 per party per hour
- 4+ Party Case: \$120 per party per hour

##### Minimum Fees:

- Half Day – 2 hours, or the amount of time reserved if more than 2 hours
- Full Day – 6 hours, or the amount of time reserved if more than 6 hours

The mediation fee is calculated based on your Mediator's hourly billing rate as detailed above including any pre-mediation preparation time and post-mediation follow-up time spent on the matter. Note: we do not charge any administrative, scheduling, or rescheduling fees. In exchange we ask that you please to respect our time and the cancellation policy below.

#### MEDIATION CANCELLATION POLICY

If you need to cancel or reschedule, our office must be notified via email prior to the date and time indicated in your confirmation email for that particular mediation or arbitration in order to avoid the minimum fee.

Please note that for us to remain neutral, it is our policy to bill all parties equally for their portion of our minimum fees regardless of which party cancels a session or why it was canceled, even if it is being rescheduled, has settled, or one side is still willing to move forward.

#### Practice Areas:

- Business/Commercial
- Personal Injury/Torts
- Banking; Construction
- Employment
- Estate/Probate/Trusts
- Insurance
- Intellectual Property
- Maritime/Admiralty
- Professional Liability
- Real Estate

#### Biographical Info:

Carol S. Cope is a respected and experienced dispute resolution professional practicing ADR for the past 20 years. She has successfully mediated hundreds of cases in state and federal courts covering a wide range of disputes, including acting as a sole mediator in multi-million-dollar contract disputes. Cope has earned a reputation of being knowledgeable, well prepared, efficient, and effective.

A former federal law clerk, Cope is currently serving as vice-chair of the Federal Mediation Advisory Committee for the United States Southern District of Florida. She also served her alma mater, University of Miami School of Law, as Assistant Dean for External Affairs for nearly 10 years. She is the author of three nationally published non-fiction books.

Cope has been certified by the Florida Supreme Court as a Circuit/Civil mediator since 1990 and is listed as a federal mediator by the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

Cope combines nearly 10 years of commercial litigation practice with her education and experience as a psychologist to assist her in working with litigants and counsel in reaching mutually satisfactory resolutions to vigorously contested matters.

**Certifications & Education:**

**CERTIFICATIONS**

- Federal Certified Mediator: U.S. Southern District of Florida
- Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Civil Mediator

**EDUCATION**

- University of Miami School of Law, Juris Doctor, Magna cum laude, 1980
- Member, University of Miami Law Review
- Western Michigan University, B.A. 1966, English and Psychology
- Western Michigan University, M.A. 1970, Psychology

**Memberships & Recognitions:**

- Member, The Florida Bar
- Member, Trial Bar, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
- Law Clerk to the Hon. Sidney M. Aronovitz (deceased), U. S. District Court, Southern District of Florida, 1980-1982
- Speaker, ABA-ADR Conference, Miami, 2014
- Speaker, "Using ADR to Prioritize Disputes in Trusts and Estates," sponsored by Florida Bar Association Section in ADR and RPPTL, 2013
- A View from the End of the Table" – A Discussion in Mediation, Presidents Showcase, Featured Speaker, June 2010
- Named "Elite Mediator," Florida Trend, 2007
- Vice-Chair, Federal Mediation Advisory Committee, United States District Court, Southern District of Florida
- Assistant Dean for External Affairs and Director, Center for Continuing Legal Education; Adjunct Professor, Mediation Seminar, University of Miami School of Law, Coral Gables, Florida, 1998-2007
- Member, The Florida Bar, International Law Section, ADR Section Executive Council, Business Law Section, RPPTL Section
- Member, American Bar Association, Section of Dispute Resolution
- Member; Federal Bar Association, Intellectual Property Section, Employment Section
- Member, Florida Association for Women Lawyers
- Member, Dade County Bar Association
- Member, National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals
- Judged numerous mediation and negotiation competitions for Schools of Law at University of Miami and Florida International University
- Attorney/Shareholder, Litigation Department, Stearns, Weaver, Miller, Weissler, Alhadeff & Sitterson, P.A., Miami, Florida, 1986-1989
- Associate, Litigation Department, Arky, Freed, Stearns, Watson & Greer, P.A., Miami, Florida, 1982-1986
- Psychologist, seven years practice as a school psychologist

