

Rate Card & Curriculum Vitae – 2024



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Rate Card:

Mediation Rates:

- 2 Party Case: \$225 per party per hour
- 3 Party Case: \$175 per party per hour
- 4+ Party Case: \$150 per party per hour

Minimum Fees:

- Half Day – 3 hours, or the amount of time reserved if more than 3 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:

- Commercial Litigation
- Personal Injury
- Family
- Foreclosure
- Construction
- Consumer and Administrative Law

Biographical Info:

Christopher Benjamin is a panelist in the dispute resolution firm of Salmon & Dulberg. As a trial attorney, mediator, magistrate, real estate broker and title agent, Christopher has represented individuals and companies ranging in every aspect of law (and transactions) common to the average American and their business pursuits. In addition to his law practice of 20yrs, Mr. Benjamin has been a certified mediator for 15 years and has been appointed as a Hearing Officer in the 11th Circuit's Traffic Division (for 10 years), and a Special Magistrate in code enforcement and red-light camera infractions for cities throughout the tri-county area (Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach). Christopher has experience in premise liability, insurance

coverage, auto negligence, negligent security, family, creditor's rights, construction, lemon law, and commercial litigation. See also practice areas.

Christopher is Martindale-Hubbell "AV Peer Review Rated." He has been continually recognized by his peers in Florida Trend Magazine, Super Lawyers Magazine, South Florida Legal Guide and US News and World Report (online directory) as an outstanding attorney in his area of general litigation. He is admitted to practice in all Florida courts as well as in the United States District Courts of Florida and US Bankruptcy Court. Christopher's activities in the community included but are not limited to appointment on the Nuisance Abatement Board for City of Miami Gardens, Miami-Dade County Commission on Human Rights, Miami-Dade County Business Enterprise Advisory Committee, Miami-Dade County Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust, Miami-Dade County School Board Attendance & Boundary Advisory Committee and Miami-Dade County School Board Secure Our Future Advisory Committee. In addition to his various professional memberships, Christopher has also chaired the Dade County Bar's Juvenile Committee and Co-Chaired the Solo and Small Firm Division. Christopher has been the president of the Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Bar Association, and president of the Florida Muslim Bar Association. In 2020 Christopher was elected to the Florida House of Representatives, as the Representative for House District 107.

Christopher is a well-respected mediator and arbitrator throughout South Florida. He was a contract mediator with the 17th Judicial Circuit In-House Mediation Division. He serves on the panel for the Department of Financial Services, mediating property damage claims. Christopher was also a mediator for the Collins Center for Public Policy and serves as an Arbitrator for FINRA. Christopher has mediated over 2000 cases.

**Certifications &
Education:**

CERTIFICATIONS

- Florida Supreme Court Certified County, Civil and Family Mediator
- Florida Supreme Court Qualified Arbitrator
- Federal Certified Mediator (US Bankruptcy Court)

EDUCATION

- St. Thomas University School of Law, Juris Doctor, 2001
- Florida Memorial University, B.A., 1998

**Memberships &
Recognitions:**

- Member, The Florida Bar
- Member, Supreme Court of the United States
- Member, U.S. Court of Appeals 11th Circuit
- Member, U.S. Southern District of Florida
- Member, U.S. Middle District of Florida
- Member, U.S. Northern District of Florida
- Certified Circuit Civil Mediator, Florida
- Certified Family Mediator, Supreme Court of Florida
- Certified County Mediator, Supreme Court of Florida
- Certified Appellate Mediator, Supreme Court of Florida
- Approved as Federal Mediator for the U.S. Southern District
- Florida Supreme Court Qualified Arbitrator
- President, Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Bar Association, 2009

- President, Florida Muslim Bar Association, 2011
- Founder/Executive Director, Barristers Care Incorporated
- Outstanding Pro Bono Award, Dade County Bar
- Selected as a Rising Star – SuperLawyers 2012 and 2013
- Selected to SuperLawyers 2014–2020
- Selected to Top 100 – National Black Lawyers Association 2016–2019
- Selected to Legal Elite – Florida Trend Magazine 2015
- Selected as a Top Attorney – South Florida Legal Guide 2020
- Selected by Who’s Who in American Law – Marquis Who’s Who 2014–215
- Selected as an A+ Superior Lawyer Rating – National Registry 2019
- Selected as an AV Preeminent Attorney – Martindale–Hubbell
- Rated Superior by Avvo.com
- Listed with US News & World Report Online Lawyer Directory

