

Rate Card & Curriculum Vitae – 2024



Lawrence A. Schwartz

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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 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:

- Probate and Guardianship
- Commercial Disputes
- Professional Malpractice
- Personal Injury Claims
- General Business Matters
- Corporate Law
- Employment Discrimination

Biographical Info:

Lawrence A. Schwartz practiced law for 12 years before becoming a Miami-Dade County Court Judge in 1991. In 1997, Governor Lawton Chiles elevated him to the Circuit Court. He served on the bench of the 11th Judicial Circuit for 22 years. He presided over cases in the civil, criminal and probate divisions.

His Mediation Specialties include matters involving commercial litigation, probate and guardianship, foreclosure, personal injury, malpractice, employment discrimination, business and corporate law.

Prior to attending law school, Mr. Schwartz taught sixth grade for the Miami-Dade County School Board at Lake Stevens Elementary School, located in Carol City, Florida.

**Certifications &
Education:**

CERTIFICATIONS

- Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Civil Mediator

EDUCATION

- University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, J.D.
- Florida Atlantic University, M.Ed.
- Oklahoma University, B.A.
- Dade County Junior College, A.A.

**Memberships &
Recognitions:**

- Certified as Circuit Civil Mediator by the Florida Supreme Court
- Circuit Court Judge, 11th Judicial Circuit of Florida, 1997 – 2012
- County Court Judge, Miami-Dade County, 1991 – 1997
- Admitted to Practice before the United States Supreme Court
- Admitted to Practice before the United States Federal District Courts
- Member of the Florida Bar
- Member of the California Bar
- Member of the Colorado Bar
- Vice Chair, Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust, 2014
- Judicial Chair, 11th Judicial Circuit Professionalism Committee
- Chair, 11th Judicial Circuit “Judicial Mentor” program
- County Court Representative, Ad Hoc Trial Practices and Procedures Committee, 1994 -1997
- Instructor, Judicial Ethics, Florida Conference of Circuit Court Judges Educational Program
- Instructor, Miami-Dade Community College Paralegal Program
- Parliamentarian, Board of Directors, Beth Torah Congregation
- Former Member, Board of Directors, Central Agency For Jewish Education, Greater Miami Jewish Federation
- Former member, Board of Governors, Samuel Scheck Hillel Community Day School