

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 – 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 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:

- Non-Binding Arbitration
- Binding Arbitration
- First Party Property
- Business Litigation
- Condo & HOA Disputes
- Construction/Real Estate
- Family
- Commercial Litigation
- Personal Injury Medical Malpractice
- Insurance Coverage
- Municipal Zoning Government

Biographical Info:

Leon has been actively involved in legal and judiciary services for more than five decades. Prior to becoming a Circuit Court Judge in 1997, Leon had practiced law for 24 years. Although the biggest part of his tenure on the Bench was in the Family Division, he also served in the Civil and Criminal Divisions. Practicing as both a private lawyer as well as an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Miami (14 years), Leon gained excellent experience in a wide range of case matters,

which has proven immensely valuable throughout his later career. Mediating remains an integral part of Leon's career, with comprehensive knowledge and experience as powerful tools to bring parties to agreeable solutions.

**Certifications &
Education:**

CERTIFICATIONS

- Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Civil and Family Mediator

EDUCATION

- University of Miami College of Law, J.D., 1972
- University of Florida, B.S.B.A., 1966

**Memberships &
Recognitions:**

- Circuit Court Judge, 11th Judicial Circuit of Florida, 1997 – 2014
- Member of the Florida Bar
- Member, Dade County Bar Association
- Member, Association of Trial Lawyers of America
- Past President, Miami Beach Bar Association, 1983
- Former Member, Florida Bar Grievance Committee
- Former Member, Alexander S. Gross Hebrew Academy, Executive Committee, Board of Directors & Vice President of Legal Affairs
- Former Vice President and Director, Miami Beach Civic League
- Former Member, City of Miami Beach Committees: Youth Center, Hurricane Defense and Juvenile Programs Advisory Committee
- Former Vice President and Director, Biscayne Democratic Club
- Former Vice President, Koach Lodge B'nai Brith
- Former Vice President, Temple Emanuel Young Family League and Men's Club
- Former Director, Greater Miami Jewish Federation Young Adults Division
- Former Director, Legal Services of Greater Miami
- Former Member, Miami Beach Taxpayers Association
- Boy Scouts of America, South Florida Council, Pioneer District Chairman – 1992-1993, Recipient of Silver Beaver Leadership Award

