

## Rate Card & Curriculum Vitae – 2024



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#### Rate Card:

#### Mediation Rates:

- 2 Party Case: \$250 per party per hour
- 3 Party Case: \$175 per party per hour
- 4+ Party Case: \$137.50 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 Litigation
- Condo/HOA Disputes
- Personal Injury Claims
- Insurance Coverage
- Binding Arbitration
- Construction & Real Estate
- Medical Malpractice
- Non-Binding Arbitration
- Commercial Litigation
- Employment
- Family Law
- Probate, Guardianship & Trusts

#### Biographical Info:

Judge Maria Espinosa Dennis (Ret.) served for 22 years as a Circuit Judge in the Civil Circuit, Family and Probate Divisions. She is certified Civil Circuit Mediator, Family Mediator, and a Qualified Arbitrator. Maria is fluent in Spanish and is available to mediate circuit civil, family, and probate cases in the attorneys' offices or in any of our South Florida locations.

**Certifications & Education:**

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- Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Court Mediator
- Florida Supreme Court Certified Family Mediator
- Florida Supreme Court Qualified Arbitrator

**EDUCATION**

- Florida International University, College of Criminal Justice, Bachelor of Science, Summa Cum Laude, 1981
- University of Miami School of Law, Juris Doctor, Cum Laude 1984

**Memberships & Recognitions:**

- Member, The Florida Bar
- 2021-2022, Chair, Monthly In-House Training Program for Family Division Judicial Officers
- 2021-2022, Member, 11th Judicial Circuit Emergency Classification Committee
- 2022, Member, 11th Circuit General Magistrate Selection Committee
- YWCA of Greater Miami, Board of Directors
- Member, Florida Bar Grievance Committee (2-Terms)
- Florida Association of Family & Conciliation Courts
- 2011, Past Chair, Court Care Steering Committee
- Member, Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court Family Law Committee on Court Reporting Procedures
- Member, Eleventh Judicial Circuit Long Range Planning Committee
- 2011-2017, Dade County Bar Association, \*Pro Bono Service Award – Put Something Back Project
- 2005, Florida International University College of Law, Emma Tarafa Award Recipient – Legal Excellence Award

