

Rate Card & Curriculum Vitae – 2024



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Rate Card:

Mediation & Arbitration Rates:

- 2 Party Case: \$250 per party per hour
- 3 Party Case: \$200 per party per hour
- 4+ Party Case: \$175 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/arbitration fee is calculated based on my hourly billing rate as detailed above including any pre-conference preparation time and post-conference 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/ARBITRATION 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:

- Breach of Contract
- Complex Business Litigation
- Construction Defects
- Creditors Rights
- First Party Property
- Personal Injury

Biographical Info:

Rick brings to your case a wealth of substantive knowledge and practical experience to get the parties to a mutual and acceptable understanding. Before serving as a judge, Rick had more than 25 years of experience practicing law in business litigation, construction defects, personal injury, and creditors rights. During his 20 years spent on the bench, Rick gained experience and sharpened his skills, particularly during his assignments to the Complex Business Litigation and General Civil Divisions. Rick's expertise and guidance will assist you in reaching your desired result.

**Certifications &
Education:**

CERTIFICATIONS

- Circuit Judge, 2000 – 2021
 - Complex Business Litigation Division for 13th Circuit (5 years)
 - General Civil Division (7 years)
 - Family Law & Juvenile Delinquency Divisions
- Florida Judicial Education
 - Instructor, Advanced Judicial Studies
 - Instructor, Florida Conference of Circuit Court Judges
- Florida Bar
 - Florida Civil Procedure Rules Committee, 2007–2013 (Chair 2012 – 2013)
 - Florida Rules of Judicial Administration Committee, 2013 – 2019
 - Member, Business Law Section (Business Litigation)
- Hillsborough County Bar Association

EDUCATION

- University of Florida, College of Law, Juris Doctor, 1973
- University of New Mexico, B.A. cum Laude

**Memberships &
Recognitions:**

- Member, The Florida Bar
- Member, Florida Bar Committee on Standard Jury Instructions for Contracts & Business Cases (current)
- Champions for Children – member of Board of Directors, 2013 – 2023
- Idlewild Baptist Church – member, 1995 to present
- The Idlewild Foundation – former member of Board of Directors
- Tampa Bay Baptist Foundation – member of Board of Directors, 1980 to present (former President)