

Rate Card & Curriculum Vitae – 2024



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Rate Card:

Mediation 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 fee is calculated based on my 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

Our cancellation policy is three weekdays regardless of holidays. To avoid the minimum fee, our office must be notified via email prior to the date and time indicated in your confirmation email for a particular mediation/arbitration.

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/Binding Arbitration
- Personal Injury
- First Party Property
- Business Litigation
- Condo & HOA Disputes
- Probate, Guardianship & Trust
- Professional Liability including Lawyers, Architects & Engineers
- Commercial Litigation
- Legal & Accounting Malpractice
- Eminent Domain Litigation
- Bankruptcy Litigation
- Construction/Real Estate
- Insurance Coverage
- Cemetery Litigation

Biographical Info:

Richard E. Berman is a respected and experienced alternative dispute resolution professional, with a litigation career spanning more than five decades. He has successfully mediated hundreds of cases in state and federal courts covering a wide range of disputes.

PHILOSOPHY

“Thorough preparation prior to mediation improves the quality of the proceedings and the likelihood of successful resolution. I believe in active participation in the mediation process and using my years of experience to identify issues that may assist in resolution of the parties’ claims.”

Certifications & Education:

CERTIFICATIONS

- Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Civil Mediator
- Broward County Qualified Circuit Court Arbitrator
- Member of Trial Bar of the United States District Court, Southern District of Florida
- Member of the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States
- Diplomate of the Florida Academy of Professional Mediators, Inc.

EDUCATION

- Syracuse University College of Law, Juris Doctor, Magna Cum Laude, 1972 – 1975
- Activities and Honors: Law Review, Order of the Coif, Justinian Honor Society
- State University of New York at Buffalo – Bachelor’s Degree, 1966 - 1970

Memberships & Recognitions:

- Member of Florida Bar
- Member of New York Bar
- Member of Broward County Bar Association
- Supreme Court Certified Mediator
- Justice Lodge Founding Member; B’Nai Brith Justice Unit 5207, from inception to date
- Association of South Florida Mediators and Arbitrators (ASFMA)
- AV Preeminent Rated by Martindale Hubbell
- Legal Leaders Top Rated Litigator, 2021 – present
- Florida Trend Legal Elite, 2005 – present
- Florida Super Lawyers, 2006 – present
- Super Lawyers Corporate Counsel Edition, 2008 – 2009
- South Florida Legal Guide – Top Lawyers, 2009 – present
- Berman, Kean & Riguera, P.A. selected to South Florida Legal Guide Top Law Firms
- Member of Seventeenth Judicial Circuit Committee of Judges and Attorneys to establish the Broward County Complex Litigation Division
- Served as Special Master for Broward County Business Court
- Former Vice Chairman of Broward County Bar Association Business Law Section
- Member of Trial Bar Section of United States District Court, Southern District of Florida
- Member of Bankruptcy Bar Association
- Broward County Circuit Court Qualified Arbitrator
- Member Florida Bar Grievance Committee 17B
 - Vice Chair Grievance Committee 17 B-2011 (concluding 3-year term, 1 year as co-chair)

