



Michael S. Orfinger

Principal

Upchurch Watson White & Max Mediation Group

Michael S. Orfinger joined UJWM's panel of neutrals in 2001, and became a shareholder and principal in 2004 when he decided to devote his entire practice to mediation. As a member of The Florida Bar since 1989, Mr. Orfinger has a broad base of litigation experience that allows him to effectively mediate a wide range of disputes.

Mr. Orfinger is an experienced appellate practitioner as well, and has been a contributing author to continuing legal education publications of The Florida Bar. He is a Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Civil Mediator, a Florida Supreme Court Certified Appellate Mediator, a Certified Mediator for the U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida and a Qualified Florida Arbitrator. He is also a primary trainer for appellate mediation certification in Florida.

Professional Education and Qualifications

- B.A. Wake Forest University
- J.D. University of Florida College of Law
- Member: Order of the Coif, Florida Law Review (Articles Editor and Title Standards Editor)
- Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Civil Mediator
- Certified U.S. District Court Mediator, Middle District of Florida
- Florida Supreme Court Certified Appellate Mediator
- Qualified Florida Arbitrator
- Martindale-Hubbell Rating of AV
- Certified E-Discovery Specialist, Association of Certified E-Discovery Specialists (ACEDS)

Firm Experience, Memberships, Publications

- Smith, Hood, Perkins, Loucks, Stout & Orfinger, P.A. 1991 – 2003.
- Carlton, Fields, Ward, Emmanuel, Smith & Cutler, P.A. 1989 – 1991.
- Fellow, Academy of Court Appointed Masters (ACAM)
- Director, Professional Mediation Institute, Inc.
- Member, Association of Attorney Mediators
- Member, Appellate Mediation Subcommittee of ADR Rules and Policy Committee
- Member, Dunn-Blount Chapter of American Inns of Court
- Member, Florida Bar Grievance Committee, 7A, 1998–2000 Chair, Feb.–Dec. 2000
- Author, "Depositions and Discovery", Florida Civil Practice Before Trial (6th ed. 2000 & 5th ed. 1995 supp.)
- Author, "Compelling Attendance of Witnesses and Production of Evidence"
- Florida Civil Trial Practice (5th ed. 1998 and 4th ed. 1994 supp.)
- Author, "Depositions and Discovery" Florida Civil Practice Before Trial (5th ed. 1993 and 1995 supp.) (co-authored with Lawrence M. Watson, Jr.)
- Author, "Battered Child Syndrome: Evidence of Prior Acts in Disguise," 41 Fla. L. Rev. 345



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Areas of Practice

- Civil Rights
- Commercial Litigation
- Construction Litigation
- Consumer Disputes
- Eminent Domain
- Employment
- Estates / Trusts
- Family Business
- Insurance Disputes
- Intellectual Property
- Legal Malpractice
- Personal Injury
- Probate Litigation
- Professional Negligence
- Real Property Litigation
- Wrongful Death