

# A. Michelle Jernigan Shareholder

In 1988, Michelle Jernigan was one of the first mediators to be certified by the Florida Supreme Court. Since launching her mediation career in 1987, Ms. Jernigan has mediated thousands of cases throughout Florida. As a pioneer in mediation, Ms. Jernigan served as a consultant to the Florida Supreme Court as it established mediation mentorship rules. In 1997, Chief Justice Gerald Kogan appointed her to a four-year term on the Florida Supreme Court Mediation Training Review Board. Ms. Jernigan's service on the Board continues through March 2013.

In 1998, Ms. Jernigan was selected to mediate and arbitrate 40 class-action claims involving policyholders from Prudential Life Insurance Co., following a negotiated and highly specified dispute resolution process. In 1999, Ms. Jernigan became certified as an NASD arbitrator and mediator. To date she has mediated and arbitrated numerous securities claims. Ms. Jernigan has also developed and implemented mediation training programs for Orlando Regional Healthcare Systems and Eckerd Corporation. She has provided mediation training at basic and advanced courses in Florida and is a recognized speaker in the field of ADR.

# **Professional Education and Qualifications**

J.D. Stetson University College of Law, 1981

B.S. (Political Science) Stetson University, 1979

Nova University, Post Graduate Studies / Psychology

Certified Circuit Court Mediator

Certified Family Court Mediator

Certified U.S. District Court Mediator, Middle District of Florida

Certified Florida 5th DCA Appellate Mediator

Supreme Court Approved RMFMP (Foreclosure) Mediator

# **Memberships, Publications**

Founding Member / Past Director / Past President: Florida Academy of Professional Mediators

Member / Past Director: American College of Civil Trial Mediators

Member: Florida Supreme Court Mediation Training Review Board

Co-Author: "Mediation Proceedings" Chapter 8, Florida Dissolution of

Marriage, (4th ed.1993).

Co-Author: "The Mediator's Role in the Family Business" ACCTM Publication:

American Journal of Mediation (Volume 2, 2008)

Real Estate Sales Associate, State of Florida (1999)

Member: Cambridge Who's Who



## **Case Manager Information**

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#### **Areas of Practice**

- ADA
- Commercial Litigation
- Construction Litigation
- Consumer Disputes
- Employment
- ERISA
- Estates / Trusts
- Family Business
- Family Law
- Insurance Disputes
- Personal Injury
- Real Estate
- Securities
- Trademark/Copyright
- · Wrongful Death