

Giselle Leonardo, Mediator  
Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Civil Mediator  
Mediator Supplement to Arbitrator Credentials (Short Version Resume)  
(For Complete Details See Full Version of Resume)

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**PROFESSION**

Florida Bar Board Certified Construction Attorney, Civil Engineer  
Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Civil Mediator  
Florida Supreme Court Qualified Arbitrator

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Professional career as a full time neutral serving primarily as an Arbitrator or Mediator on a wide range of construction, complex commercial, energy, and international disputes.

ADR, Arbitration and Mediation experience includes resolution of disputes in the areas of construction (contracts, commercial, construction litigation, condominium association, design issues, delay damages, liens, large scale residential, hospitality, insurance, retail, mixed use, office and vertical), infrastructure (airports, bridges, dams, heavy highway, marine, transportation), commercial contracts (corporate, consortium, financial), mining, industrial facilities (refining, petrochemical), energy, complex commercial contracts, and international matters.

Extensive experience in negotiating construction, development, finance, and international contracts, involving contractors, owners, developers, and engineers for both public and private projects (industrial and institutional) ranging in value from \$120 million to \$700 million. Regions of representative transactions: Africa - Equatorial Guinea, Ghana; Asia - Korea, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand; Australia; Canada; Middle East - Pakistan; Europe - France, Spain; Caribbean, Central and South America - Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Haiti, Mexico, Peru, St. Martin, Venezuela, and the United States.

- Giselle Leonardo P.A., Mediator and Independent Arbitrator (2000-present)
- In-House Corporate Counsel (\$10 Billion Multi-National Energy Company)
- Corporate Counsel International Development (Multi-National Energy Company)
- In-House Corporate Counsel for Multi-National EPC Turnkey Contractor

**PROFESSIONAL LICENSES**

- Admitted to the Bar: Pennsylvania (1991); Florida (1999)
- Admitted to the U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania (1991)
- Admitted to the U.S. District Court of Appeal, Third Circuit (1991)
- Admitted to the U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- Admitted to the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
- Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Civil Mediator (2005)
- Florida Bar Board Certified Construction Attorney (2006)
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida Certified Mediator
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania Certified Mediator, Early Neutral Evaluator & Arbitrator
- Florida Supreme Court Qualified Arbitrator

**INSTITUTION PANEL MEMBERSHIPS (ABBREVIATED LIST, FOR COMPREHENSIVE LIST SEE ARBITRATOR CREDENTIALS)**

- American Arbitration Association – Mediator
- Member of National Roster of Arbitrators – Construction Panel – AAA
- Member of National Roster of Arbitrators – Large Complex Case Panel – AAA
- Member of National Roster of Arbitrators – Commercial Panel – AAA
- Member of National Roster of Arbitrators – Energy Panel – AAA
- International Center for Dispute Resolution – ICDR (New York/Worldwide) – Member of International Panel

**EDUCATION**

- University of Pennsylvania, School of Law (Juris Doctor 1991)
- Wharton Graduate School of Business – Selected Courses in Advance Corporate Finance (non-degree MBA 1989-1991)
- University of Pittsburgh, School of Engineering (Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering 1988)

**ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION EXPERIENCE:**

**REPRESENTATIVE ARBITRATIONS (ELIMINATED FOR BREVITY, FOR COMPREHENSIVE LIST SEE ARBITRATOR CREDENTIALS)**

**REPRESENTATIVE MEDIATIONS**

- Construction Disputes:
  - Infrastructure (Heavy Highway, Bridges, Dams, Airports, Transportation)
  - Commercial (Retail, Mixed Use, Hospitality, Large Scale Residential, Office, Vertical)
  - Termination Issues: Convenience, Termination for Cause, Substitution of Contractor
  - Condominium Association and Homeowner's Association: Defects
  - Breach of Contract and Default
  - Warranties and Warranty Claims
  - Damages Issues: Cost of Completion, Delay Damages, Liquidated Damages, Lost Productivity
  - Defects and Deficiencies
  - Compliance with Plans and Specifications, Code, Engineering and Technical
  - Attorney's Fees
  - Insurance, Insurers, Insureds, Surety
- Florida Construction Law Cases (Fla. Stat. §558 Defect Cases) (Fla. Stat. §627 Insurance) (Fla. Stat. §713 Lien Law) (Fla. Stat. §718 Condo Association)
- Complex Commercial Cases: Representations and Warranties, Shareholder, Consortium
- Financial Instruments, Financing, Lender Issues
- Real Estate and Development, Zoning, Permitting
- International cases
- Multiple Language Mediation (Spanish, Portuguese, French) and Cross-Cultural Mediation

**MULTI-PARTY MEDIATIONS**

- Multi-party mediation experience includes multi-party, complex mediations, commercial transactions, corporate, construction and insurance mediations.
- Multi-party mediation experience also includes multi-language mediations, cross-cultural mediations and international mediations.

## **MEDIATION SPECIFIC TRAINING**

- AAA Construction Conference: Techniques for Managing the Growing Complexities of Construction Disputes – Miami 2019
- Business Unusual: Rules, Tools & Strategies to Disrupt Disputes – Washington 2019
- Florida Bar 2019 Construction Law Institute – Orlando 2019
- Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Civil Mediator – 2019
- Perils & Pitfalls of Proposals for Settlement – Ft. Lauderdale 2017
- Settlements in Federal Court – PA 2017
- Alternate Dispute Resolution Practice Tips – Keeping Your Business Out of the Courts: Mediator (Speaker) – PA 2012
- Mediator Ethics Repetition and Retention – FL 2011
- Florida Mediation Training – 2011 (8-hour course)
- Mediator Ethics (Dispute Resolution Center DRC) (Ethics in Mediator Advertising) – FL 2011
- Florida Mediation Training – 2011
- Florida Mediation Training (Fundamentals of Mediation) – 2011
- Florida Mediation Training (Myths of Mediation) – 2011
- IMEI Pittsburgh Middle East Institute Forging Ties Between US and Middle East through Business Education and Culture – PA 2010
- ADR Services – Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Training – 2010 (10-hour course)
- Mediation Ethics – 2010
- Applying 6 Principles and Ethical Persuasion and 21 Ways to Break Impasse in Mediation – 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Dispute Resolution Conference for Attorneys and Mediators – 2010
- Mediation Ethics: Quo Vadis? – 2010
- Mediation Confidentiality is it for Real? – 2010
- Florida Mediation Training – 2010
- Florida Bar Discipline System – 2010
- Collecting Construction Payments Through ADR (Speaker) – 2008
- Florida Bar 2008 Construction Certification Review Course – ADR Mediation (Speaker) – 2008
- ICDR Critical Advocacy & Evidence (International Centre for Dispute Resolution) – Miami 2008
- Florida New Construction Claims Statute and Related Cases in Construction Dispute Resolution (Speaker) – 2007
- Florida New Construction Claims Act – Ft. Lauderdale 2007
- ABA Forum in Construction Law Annual Meeting – 2007
- The Construction Mediation Conference – 2007 (10-hour course)
- Construction Mediation – 2007
- ICDR – International Mediation Challenges and Strategies in Cross Cultural Cases–Miami 2007
- ICDR – Tertullias (Faculty/Speaker) – Miami 2007
- ICDR – View from Bench International Judges – Miami 2007
- 5th Annual International Conference Dispute Resolution – 2007
- AAA Neutrals Conference – 2006
- Impasse Strategies for Complex Mediation – Neutrals Conference AAA – 2006
- Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Civil Mediator – 2005
- Supreme Court of Florida Mediation Training (Circuit Civil) – Ft. Lauderdale 2005 (48-hour course)
- National Forum on Conflict Management in the Construction Industry – 2004

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**OTHER TRAINING (ELIMINATED FOR BREVITY, FOR COMPREHENSIVE LIST SEE ARBITRATOR CREDENTIALS)**

**LANGUAGES**

- Fluent in English (Native Speaker)
- Fluent in Spanish
- Intermediate Working Knowledge of French
- Intermediate Working Knowledge of Portuguese
- Elementary Knowledge of Italian and Japanese