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Professional Services: Lawyer, Mediator, Arbitrator, Lecturer.

Legal Practice Areas: Business Law and Litigation, Contract Law and Litigation, Construction Law and Litigation, Insurance Coverage Litigation.

Representative Experiences: Over 40 years in the practice of law in large to medium size firms in Washington, D.C., Detroit, West Palm Beach, Tampa and Sarasota. My entire practice has involved trials, arbitrations and mediations of complex business cases, with about 70% of my cases related to construction problems of all types. I have arbitrated over 200 cases as a neutral arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association, and I have mediated over 150 cases as a mediator for the American Arbitration Association and as a Florida State Circuit/Civil Mediator. I was an officer (Captain) in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (1962-1967).

Certifications and Licenses: I have been admitted to practice law in Virginia (1970), the District of Columbia (1970), Michigan (1977), Florida (1988) and Texas (1989). Additionally, I have been allowed to conduct trials in New York, Minnesota, California and Colorado. I am a member of the bar of the U.S. Supreme Court and various Federal Circuit Courts of Appeals and District Courts. I am certified in Construction Law by the Florida Bar's Board of Legal Specialization. I am a member of the Neutral Panel, and a Mediator, for the American Arbitration Association. I am certified by the Florida Supreme Court as a Circuit/Civil Mediator. I completed Florida's "Approved Arbitration Training" on August 28, 2008, to be a court-appointed arbitrator under Chapter 44, Fla. Stat. and Fla. R. Ct. App. Arb. 11. On March 5, 2010, I completed the Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Training pursuant to Administrative Order No. AOSC09-54.

Articles: "Alternative Dispute Resolution Can Reduce Costs," Florida Home Builder Magazine, September/October 1998; "Government Contracts: Disclaimers of Warranty of Suitability Contained in the Government-Furnished Property Clause," 56 Virginia Law Review 102.

Trade / Professional Associations: Order of the Coif (Virginia Law School), The Raven Society (University of Virginia), The Barristers (Washington D.C.), American Arbitration Association, The Association for Conflict Resolution, The Florida Academy of Professional Mediators, The Florida Bar, The District of Columbia Bar, State Bar of Texas, Virginia State Bar, Sarasota County Bar Association, Manatee County Bar Association, Phi Delta Phi (Magister, Minor Inn 1969-1970).

Education: United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y. (B.S., 1962); University of Virginia School of Law (Juris Doctor, 1970).

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