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Professional Experience

Law Office of Deborah Mastin, PLLC, Miami, FL 2013-present

Assistant Broward County Attorney, Ft. Lauderdale, FL. 2011-2013

Assistant Miami-Dade County Attorney, Miami, FL 1978-2011

Becker and Poliakoff, PA, Miami Beach, FL 1976-1978

Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc., Miami, FL 1974-1975

Dispute Board Experience and Training

Involved with Dispute Board hearings for claims between \$3 M - \$30 M on projects owned by the California Department of Transportation and the Florida Department of Transportation. Created Dispute Board specification for \$450 M performing arts center, represented County in numerous hearings before the Dispute Board; created Dispute Board specification for \$2 B airport terminal expansion project and assisted Owner's staff in preparing presentations to Dispute Board (project finished with no claims and no formal hearings); created Dispute Board specification for projects under \$2 B airport expansion program and assisted Owner's staff with presentations before the Dispute Board; ConsensusDocs DRB Addendum Working Group (Vice Chair), which drafted the ConsensusDocs 200.4 and 200.5 Documents in 2013; Dispute Resolution Board Foundation (Board of Directors 2012-2013, President Region 1 USA and Canada 2012-2013, Annual Meeting Conference Chair 2013, trainer for basic course, completed DRBF basic and advanced training courses; member of American Arbitration Association (AAA) Dispute Board Panel and faculty for AAA trainings and conferences on Dispute Boards.

Dispute Resolution Experience and Training

Mediator and arbitrator since 1996. Currently devotes 95% of time to dispute resolution activities, involving complex and multi-party disputes.

Florida Supreme Court certified circuit court mediator

Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCI Arb)

Fellow, College of Commercial Arbitrators

Member of neutral panels:

International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution (CPR)
commercial and construction panels

International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR)

American Arbitration Association (AAA)

large complex construction and commercial cases

Faculty for: AAA University mediation and arbitration training courses, Dispute Resolution Board Foundation trainings, continuing education courses on mediation, arbitration and dispute boards for American Bar Association (Business Law Section, Dispute Resolution Section, Forum on Construction Law, Government and Public

Section Law Division, Public Contracts Section), Florida Bar, Dispute Resolution Board Foundation, American Society of Civil Engineers, Association of General Contractors; guest lecturer University of Miami School of Law

Construction Law Experience:

Florida Bar Board Certified Construction Lawyer (2007-present)

As former Assistant County Attorney for 35 years, represented public owners in connection with development, procurement, design and construction of infrastructure projects, including County Hall, courthouses, museums, performing arts centers, stadiums, electrical power co-generation and chiller plants, transit and light rail facilities, fuel, power, utility and communications distribution projects, \$7 billion dollar expansion at Miami International Airport and \$2 billion expansion at Ft. Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport. Drafted manuscript contracts, administrative specifications, dispute board specifications, and procurement solicitation packages, assisted the Owner's staff with negotiations and claims reviews, participated as the Owner's advocate in mediations and in arbitrations, and litigated claims asserted in state and federal courts.

Selected Professional and Civic Associations

Fellow, American College of Construction Lawyers

Fellow, College of Commercial Arbitrators

Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Fellow, Dispute Board Federation

American Bar Association Forum on Construction Law Governing Committee

Florida Bar Real Property Probate and Trust Law Section (ADR Committee Co-chair 2011-2013, Construction Law Certification Review Course Co-chair 2014-2015)

Dispute Resolution Board Foundation Region 1 U.S.A. and Canada, Past President

ConsensusDocs DRB Addendum Working Group, Vice-Chair

National Construction Dispute Resolution Committee

Miami International Arbitration Society

Arbitral Women

Publications:

"Globalization and International Contracting", *Construction Subcontracting*, American Bar Association (co-author with William Bresee and Matthew Straub)

"ADR From the Owner's Perspective", *Construction Alternate Dispute Resolution*, American Bar Association

"Managing the Risk of Building Defects," *Construction Defects*, American Bar Association (Co-author with Steven Charney)

"Damages in Construction Litigation," *Florida Civil Practice Damages*, Florida Bar.

"Dispute Boards to the Rescue," *Under Construction*, American Bar Association Forum on Construction Law, November 2013

"Admissibility of Written Decisions of Non-binding Dispute Board," *The Australian ADR Reporter*, bulletin of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Australia, 2012

"Green Issues in Real Property Development," *Florida Bar Journal* 2011

Education

Northeastern University School of Law J.D.1975

MIT School of Architecture and Planning S.B.1972