

# Denise Wheeler Wright, Esq.

As a seasoned litigator for over 29 years, I have litigated numerous commercial litigation matters but have focused the majority of my practice on employment litigation. I have been Board Certified in Labor & Employment law and have been certified as a Circuit Civil Mediator by the Florida Supreme Court since 2014.

My goal as a mediator is to work actively with parties to examine the risks presented by the facts and law in order to encourage compromise and settlements. I am available to mediate all types of civil litigation.



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LABOR & EMPLOYMENT LAW



## RATE CARD

\$250/party/hour with 2 parties

\$190/party/hour with 3 parties

\$165/party/hour with 4+ parties

No charge for travel time within the State of Florida. Travel expenses elsewhere will apply.

Minimum fees and cancellation fees apply. Please visit my [website](#) for details.

## PRACTICE AREAS

- Commercial/Business
- Construction
- Contract Disputes
- Insurance
- Personal Injury
- Subrogation
- Torts
- Automotive
- Debt Collections
- HOA/Condo Law
- Landlord/Tenant
- Lemon Law
- Natural Disasters
- Premises Liability
- Product Liability
- Property Damage
- Wrongful Death

## ADMISSIONS

- Florida Bar
- US District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- US District Court for the Northern District of Florida
- US District Court for the Southern District of Florida
- US Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- US Supreme Court

## MEMBERSHIPS

- Lee County Association for Women Lawyers, Vice President (2005 - 2006) President (2006 - 2008) Mentor Director (2019 - 2020)
- Lee County Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association
- Academy of Florida Management Attorneys
- U.S. District Court, Middle District, Grievance Committee
- American Bar Association, Employment Law Section
- Voices for Kids of Southwest Florida, Board of Directors (2009 - present)
- Horizon Council, Member-at-Large (2007 - 2009)
- Ave Maria School of Law, Member, Leadership Council (2008)
- United Way of Lee, Hendry and Glades County, Board of Directors (2010 - 2012)
- Players Circle Board of Directors (2019)



## HONORS & CERTIFICATIONS

- Certified by Florida Supreme Court as Circuit Civil Certified Mediator 2014
- Selected as a "Florida Super Lawyer" (2006 - 2025)
- Selected as "Top 50 Female Lawyers in Florida" by Law & Politics magazine (2007, 2010-2012)
- AV® Preeminent Peer Review rated from Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory
- Selected as one of the "Nations Most Powerful Employment Attorneys 40 Up-and-Comers" by Human Resource Executive Magazine and Lawdragon (2013 - 2019)
- Named to the "Florida Legal Elite" by Florida Trend Magazine which represents approximately 2% of active Florida Bar members practicing in Florida (2006 & 2009)
- Named in Gulf Coast Business Review "40 Under 40" (2006)
- Named to The Best Lawyers in America® for Employment Law - Management (2010 & 2011); Civil Rights Law (2012 - 2017); and Commercial Litigation (2013 - 2019)

## EDUCATION

- Stetson University College of Law, J.D., Summa Cum Laude, 1994
- University of South Florida, B.A. Accounting, with Honors, 1991

## EXPERIENCE

- Wright Mediation, Inc., Fort Myers, Florida, January 2019 - current. Owner and founder of dispute resolution practice, mediating all types of civil disputes and conducting workplace investigations
- Ford Harrison, Fort Myers, Florida, June 2014 - January 2019
- Roetzel & Andress, Fort Myers, Florida, August 2011 - June 2014
- Fowler White, Fort Myers, Florida June 2005 - August 2011
- MacFarlane Ferguson & McMullen, Tampa, Florida December 1992 - June 2005

## PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- September 5, 2019—"The Gender Agenda: Where are the Female Mediators?"— Joint LCBA and LCABL CLE presentation
  - June 2019--"How to Prepare for Mediation" article in the LCBA Res Gestate and Florida Academy of Professional Mediator's website
  - August 25, 2016 - "DOL Has Issued its Final Rule Revising White Collar Overtime Exemptions - Is Your Business Prepared?" Complimentary Breakfast Briefing, Fort Myers
  - 2016 - "Hitting 'Refresh' on Social Media: An Update on Employer Approaches and Policies - Florida Court Clerks & Comptrollers
  - 2016 - "Off-Duty Misconduct in the Public Sector" - Florida Public Human Resources Association (FHPRA) Annual Conference, Naples, FL
- March 19, 2015 - "The EEOC's 2015 Strategic Initiatives: How to Keep Your Company Out of the EEOC's Crosshairs", Tampa, FL

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