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EDWARD L. NOWAK

Profile:

Ed Nowak is a Buffalo, New York native who migrated to Florida as a result of several career decisions. These included service as a Special Agent for the FBI, Assistant District Counsel for the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Senior Attorney for the Florida Department of Transportation, and 30 years of private practice representing all manner of contractors, owners, bond sureties, and business clients. A path that has given him the unique ability to quickly identify and analyze the key legal and emotional issues involved in a dispute and to suggest available win-win resolutions. From first hand experience he conveys to others the wisdom of finding alternative ways to settle disputes without litigation.

Ed has lived in Jacksonville, Florida for over 35 years. He is married has four children and in addition to helping resolve disputes he takes great pride and joy in his avocation as a fine art photographer. Favorite motto "Be unencumbered by reality" or at least what you think may be "reality".

Alternative Dispute Resolution Services (ADR):

Mediator for Court Ordered Mediations (Circuit-Civil) & (Federal)
Mediator for Private Mediations
Arbitrator
Partnering/Facilitation
Dispute Review Board
Independent/Neutral Fact Finding & Evaluation
Dispute Avoidance Consulting

Available For Service In These Areas of Expertise:

Construction Contracts
Surety Bonds-Construction
Construction Liens & Surety Bond Claims
Commercial/Business
Eminent Domain
Real Estate
Mortgage Foreclosures
Condominiums

Education:

1965

State University of New York at Buffalo
Bachelor of Arts- Economics & Business Administration

1968

State University of New York at Buffalo
Juris Doctor

1969

Department of Justice- FBI Academy
Special Agent

Professional Experience:

1995-Present

Florida Department of Transportation- Jacksonville, FL
Senior Attorney

Construction contracts, eminent domain litigation and mediations

1972-1995

Private Practice in Jacksonville, FL
Attorney

Practice concentrated on construction contract and surety law. Represented and negotiated on behalf of all participants in the construction process, including general contractors, subcontractors, materialmen, owners and performance and payment bond sureties. Cases involved all manner of construction related claims, contract matters and litigation, including the takeover, completion and administration of numerous defaulted contracts on behalf of completing performance bond sureties. Experience in dealing with various state and federal agencies, including U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Navy, U.S. Air Force, and the General Services and Veterans Administrations.

1970-1972

U. S. Army Corps of Engineers-Nashville, Tenn. & Jacksonville, FL.
Assistant District Counsel

Represented the Corps in various construction contract claim disputes and appeals before the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Board of Contract Appeals.

1968-1970

Federal Bureau of Investigation-Washington, D.C., Memphis & Nashville, Tenn.
Special Agent

Served as special agent with investigative responsibility involving violations of Federal criminal statutes.

1992-Present

Mediator/Arbitrator

Service as mediator, arbitrator and dispute resolution specialist in all manner of construction industry and commercial disputes. An active participant in promoting industry-wide awareness and use of alternative dispute resolution techniques (ADR).

1992-Present

Seminar Presenter/Author

Author of The Florida Construction Lien And Payment Bond Claim Manual and instructor for related seminar course. Multimedia presenter on other legal related topics, such as Surety Bond Defaults, Public Contracts, “How to Survive Your Deposition” and The Mediation Alternative.

Bar Admissions & Certifications:

- Florida Bar (1971)- Bar Number 138456
- Fl Supreme Court Certified Circuit Civil Mediator, Certificate Number 2901R
- Admitted to all Florida Courts
- Admitted to U.S. District Court, Middle District
- Admitted to U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
- Admitted to U.S. Supreme Court

Practiced Before:

- Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Board of Contract Appeals
- United Post Office Board of Contract Appeals
- State and Federal Appellate Courts

Professional Membership & Affiliations:

- Florida Bar Association
- Florida Academy of Professional Mediators
- Jacksonville Mediation Center

Rates & Payment Information:

Mediations & Arbitrations

- \$200 per hour (up to three parties)
- \$225 per hour (four parties or more)
- Minimum Fee: 2 Hours
- Preparation time at full hourly rate
- Daily Rate: \$1,200 per 8 hour day
- Travel time & expense may apply for service over 70 miles from Jacksonville
- Fee is due and payable at the conclusion of the mediation/arbitration
- **Cancellation Policy:** Two hour cancellation fee if cancelled within 48 hours of scheduled mediation or arbitration.

Other ADR Services

- Please call