



CLAYTON ADR

W. Andrew Clayton Jr.

Drew Clayton is a full-time mediator providing mediation, arbitration, and alternative dispute resolution services with a focus on business, financial, and securities disputes.

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RATE CARD

Mediation Fee: Two and Three party mediations will be billed at a rate of \$475/hour. Mediations with more than three parties will be billed an additional \$50/hour for each party beyond the third.

The minimum fee for a half-day mediation (scheduled for four hours or less) is three (3) hours. The minimum fee for a full-day mediation (scheduled for six hours or more) is six (6) hours.

Cancellation Policy: A minimum mediation fee of two (2) hours for a half-day mediation or four (4) hours for a full-day mediation will be charged for any mediation canceled less than five (5) business days before the scheduled mediation. If you need to cancel or reschedule, our office must be notified via email.

Please note that for us to remain neutral, it is our policy to bill all parties equally for their portion of our minimum fees regardless of which party cancels a session or why it was canceled, even if it is being rescheduled, has settled, or one side is still willing to move forward.

All cancellations must be communicated in writing (email is sufficient) with the agreement of all parties noted. If a mediation is cancelled more than five (5) days before the scheduled date, no cancellation fee will be charged. However, a cancellation fee will be charged in the event that the mediation is cancelled *within* five (5) days of the scheduled date. Any cancellation fee that is paid will be credited against the fee in that same case if it is rescheduled within 60 days of the original mediation date.

FOCUSED PRACTICE AREAS

- Business Disputes
- Financial Disputes
- Securities, Investment & Insurance Related Disputes

BAR ADMISSIONS

- New Jersey, 1987
- New York, 1987
- Florida, 1988
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey, 1988
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit, 1988
- U.S. Court of Military Appeals, 1989
- U.S. District Court, District of Florida, 1992
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, 1992
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit, 2014

HONORS

- AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated, Martindale-Hubbell®
- Best Lawyers in America, 2023-2026
- Elite Top Attorneys, Sarasota Magazine, 2020-2022
- Florida Super Lawyers, 2012-2017, 2020-2025
- Legal Elite, Florida Trend Magazine, 2013-2014
- Professionalism Award, Judge John M. Scheb American Inn of Court, 2012
- Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Civil Mediator, 2001-present



EDUCATION

- Seton Hall University School of Law, J.D., Newark, NJ, 1987
- Seton Hall University, B.A., 1982, South Orange, NJ
- Washington and Lee University, 1978-1980, Lexington, VA

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Clayton ADR, Founder & Owner, Alternative Dispute Resolution, 2024
- Icard Merrill, Partner & Shareholder, Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution, 2016 – 2023
- The Clayton Law Firm, P.A., 1996 – 2016
- Associated with various Law Firms in NJ & FL, 1987 - 1996

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

- President, Judge John M. Scheb American Inn of Court, 2010-2011
- Member, Judge John M. Scheb American Inn of Court, 1993-2013
- Sarasota County Bar Association
- President, 2019-2020
- President-Elect, 2019
- Director, 2013-2017
- Public Investors Bar Association, 1992-2002
- Major, United States Army Reserve, Judge Advocate General's Corps, 1989-2003
- President, The Players Theater, Sarasota 1998-2003
- Founding Scoutmaster, Troop 895, Sarasota, FL 1995-1998
- Member, Sarasota County Human Services Advisory Council, 2003-2007, 2022-2023
- Chairman, Sarasota Transitional Housing Committee, 2008-2010
- Supervisor, University Place Community Development District, 2008-2011
- President, Sarasota Westwind Flyers, Inc. flying club, 2015-2023
- President, Sherwood Forest Homeowners Association, 2016–2019

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- [*How to Assess and Prosecute a Potential Investment-Related Case*](#), Course Presenter, 2021
- [*Why Civility Continues to Matter*](#), [*The Docket*](#), Sarasota County Bar Association (SCBA), April 2019
- Understanding Finance – It's More than Money Financial Series (webinar), Hot Button Issues in Investment Disputes, 2010
- Charlotte Estate Planning Council – Current Issues in Investment Disputes, 2010
- Venice Estate Planners – Current Topics in Investment-Related Disputes, 2009
- Sarasota Estate Planners – Current Topics in Investment-Related Disputes, 2009
- PIABA Annual Meeting – Duties After the Sale, 2009
- [*Analyzing Cases in Good and Bad Investment Markets*](#)
- [*The Securities Arbitration Process*](#)

NEWS

- [*Icard Merrill Attorneys Honored as 2022 Elite Top Attorneys*](#)
- [*Twelve Icard Merrill Attorneys Honored as 2023 Best Lawyers*](#)
- [*Nine Icard Merrill Attorneys Selected as 2022 Florida Super Lawyers*](#)
- [*Icard Merrill Attorneys Honored as 2021 Elite Top Attorneys*](#)
- [*Icard Merrill Attorneys Named to 2021 Florida Super Lawyers*](#)
- [*Icard Merrill Renews Commitment to Pro Bono Service*](#)
- [*SCBA Recognizes Drew Clayton for Service*](#)
- [*Icard Merrill Attorneys Named 2020 Elite Top Attorneys*](#)
- [*Pandemic Increases Need for Legal Aid*](#), Sarasota Herald-Tribune, July 12, 2020
- [*Ten Icard Merrill Attorneys Named 2020 Florida Super Lawyers and Rising Stars*](#)
- [*Drew Clayton Inducted as President of Sarasota County Bar Association*](#)
- [*Drew Clayton Featured on Cover of SCBA's The Docket*](#)
- [*Drew Clayton Inducted as President-Elect of Sarasota County Bar Association*](#)

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