



**NELSON EDWARD TIMKEN, J.D., LL.M, FCIARB**

International & Domestic Arbitrator & Mediator

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**Summary**

Highly accomplished and versatile mediator and arbitrator with over 30 years of diverse legal and dispute resolution experience. Possess a unique combination of in-depth legal knowledge, honed through extensive judicial clerkship experience, and an LLM degree, and advanced expertise in mediation and arbitration techniques. Proven track record resolving a wide range of complex commercial, business, and civil disputes, both domestically and internationally meeting the highest standards of professionalism and integrity.

**Mediation & Arbitration Experience**

**Timken Dispute Resolution, LLC | Mediator & Arbitrator | 2023 - Present**

- Founded and lead a private practice specializing in mediation and arbitration services for a diverse range of clients, including businesses, individuals, and government entities.
- Handle a wide array of disputes, including:
  - **Commercial:** Breach of contract, partnership/shareholder disputes, business torts, intellectual property, construction, employment, and insurance claims.
  - **Civil:** Personal injury, property damage, professional malpractice, landlord-tenant disputes, probate and estate matters.
- Successfully mediated and arbitrated numerous high-value and complex disputes, including multi-party actions, cross-border disputes, and class actions.
- Employ a facilitative mediation style that prioritizes open communication, active listening, creative problem-solving, and collaborative decision-making.
- Consistently achieve high settlement rates and receive positive feedback from clients and counsel for professionalism, impartiality, and effective facilitation of resolutions.

**State of New York Statewide Part 146 Mediator | 2024 - Present**

- Certified mediator authorized to handle cases in all Supreme Courts of the State of New York, with a focus on commercial disputes.
- On the roster of mediators for Richmond, Nassau, Bronx, and New York County Commercial Division.

**State of Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Civil Mediator | 2024 - Present**

- Qualified to mediate a broad spectrum of civil cases in the Florida Circuit Courts, including commercial disputes, personal injury claims, real estate matters, and more.

### **Florida Supreme Court Qualified Circuit Arbitrator | 2024 - Present**

- Appointed to conduct non-binding and binding arbitrations in the Florida Circuit Courts, providing an efficient and alternative dispute resolution mechanism for parties.

### **Additional ADR Experience**

- **Florida DFS Residential Property Insurance Mediator (2024 - Present):** Mediate property damage claims against Florida insurers, facilitating fair and equitable resolutions for homeowners and insurers.
- **FINRA Public Arbitrator, Chair Qualified (2018 - Present):** Arbitrate securities disputes between investors, brokers, and brokerage firms, ensuring compliance with industry regulations and ethical standards.
- **Panel of Distinguished Neutrals of International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution (2020 – Present):** Arbitrate commercial cases and participate in institute committees.
- **USDC, EDNY Bankruptcy Mediation Register (2024 - Present):** Mediate bankruptcy cases involving debtors, creditors, and trustees, facilitating negotiations to achieve optimal outcomes for all parties.
- **Hunt ADR Ltd. Arbitrator Experience Program (2023 - Present):** Arbitrate travel-related consumer claims in the UK, providing reasoned decisions based on thorough legal analysis and fairness principles.
- **Part 137 Attorney-Client Fee Dispute Arbitrator & Mediator (2017-2024):** Arbitrate & mediate fee disputes between lawyers and clients.
- **Attorney Complaint Mediation Panel, NYC Bar Association (2022 - 2023):** Mediated client grievances against attorneys in the First Department, helping to restore trust and resolve conflicts in the attorney-client relationship.

### **Judicial Clerkship Experience**

#### **Principal Law Clerk | New York State Unified Court System | 1994 - 2023**

- Worked closely with judges in various court divisions, including Commercial Division, Guardianship Part, and Foreclosure Part.
- Responsibilities included:
  - Conducting legal research and analysis on complex legal issues.
  - Drafting judicial opinions, decisions, and orders.
  - Conferencing and negotiating settlement agreements in a wide range of cases.

- Managing caseloads and ensuring timely resolution of legal matters.
- Reviewing and analyzing motions, pleadings, and other legal documents.
- Providing legal advice and guidance to judges and court personnel.

### **Private Practice Experience**

#### **Litigation Associate | Various Law Firms | 1988 - 1994**

- Represented clients in a variety of litigation matters, including professional liability, products liability, commercial litigation, personal injury, and real estate disputes.
- Responsibilities included:
  - Conducting legal research and drafting motions, pleadings, and other legal documents.
  - Taking and defending depositions.
  - Conducting discovery and preparing cases for trial.
  - Representing clients in court hearings and conferences.
  - Negotiating settlements and resolving disputes.

### **Education**

- LL.M., International Dispute Resolution | Fordham University School of Law | 2022
  - Thesis: A Proposal to Establish an International Commercial Arbitration Ethics Panel and Hotline to Resolve Disclosure and Conflicts Issues  
([indisputably.org/2023/05/cardozo-journal-of-conflict-resolution-new-issue-out/](http://indisputably.org/2023/05/cardozo-journal-of-conflict-resolution-new-issue-out/))
- **J.D. | St. John's University School of Law | 1988**
- B.A., Political Science (cum laude) | Queens College, CUNY | 1985

### **Professional Development**

- 200+ hours of specialized ADR training including:
  - Florida Supreme Court Circuit Mediation & Arbitration Training
  - FINRA Arbitrator Training
  - Advanced Mediation & Advocacy Skills Training
  - Commercial and Employment Mediation Training
- **Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb)**
- Member, CPR Institute Panel of Distinguished Neutrals

### **Publications & Presentations**

- Published thesis and numerous articles in legal publications on mediation, arbitration,

and dispute resolution.

- Speaker at conferences and CLE programs on ADR topics.

#### **Professional Memberships**

- New York City Bar Association (Arbitration & LAP Committees)
- Senior Lawyers Committee, New York City Bar Association
- Master of the Bench, New York American Inn of Court
- Palm Beach County Bar Association

#### **Additional Activities**

- Mentor for NYSBA and CI Arb
- Judge for law school moot court competitions (VIS International Arbitration, Securities Triathlon)

#### **Bar Admissions**

- New York State (1988)
- SDNY & EDNY (1989)
- 2nd Circuit (1990)

#### **Languages**

- English
- Spanish