

Ruti Bell C.V. Mediator and Arbitrator – West Palm Beach, Florida

**FL CERTIFIED COUNTY, CIRCUIT CIVIL, FAMILY & APPELLATE MEDIATOR -
FINRA ARBITRATOR - PRO BONO IMMIGRATION ATTORNEY**

MEDIATION & CLOSURE GROUP LLC

New York University

West Palm Beach, Florida

As President of MEDIATION & CLOSURE GROUP, I head an Alternative Dispute Resolution practice which largely consists of pre- and post-suit family law cases, landlord-tenant and real property cases, general commercial litigation, complex employment law cases, Americans with Disabilities cases, and discrimination cases in employment, housing, education, and places of public accommodations.

I serve as a mediator for the 15th and 17th judicial circuits and am also a pro bono attorney at Americans for Immigrant Justice, an award-winning non-profit law firm that protects and promotes the basic human rights of immigrants.

I have lectured nationally on various civil rights matters, and have presented on civil rights for CLE and CME credits.

Experience

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President

Company Name MEDIATION & CLOSURE GROUP LLC

Dates Employed Nov 2016 – Present

Employment Duration 1 yr

Location BOCA RATON, FLORIDA

Ruti is President and Senior Mediator of MEDIATION & CLOSURE GROUP. Her Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) practice largely consists of pre and post suit family law cases, general commercial litigation, complex employment law cases, Americans with Disabilities cases, and discrimination cases in employment, housing, education, and places of public accommodations.

Ruti is a Florida Certified County, Circuit Civil, Family and Appellate Mediator, and a member of the Florida Academy of Professional Mediators, Inc., the Association of South Florida Mediators and Arbitrators, the Florida Association of Woman Lawyers, as well as the American Bar Association, where she serves on the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Committee, as well as the Rights of Women Committee.

Ruti is also a FINRA arbitrator and an attorney, licensed in New York.

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Arbitrator

Company Name FINRA (Financial Industry Regulatory Authority)

Dates Employed Sep 2017 – Present

Employment Duration 2 mos

Location Southeastern United States

FINRA is a not-for-profit organization organized by Congress to protect America's investors by making sure that the broker-dealer industry operates fairly and honestly. I am proud to be a FINRA arbitrator and my contribution to be a part of FINRA's dedication to investor protection and market integrity through effective and efficient regulation of broker dealers.

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Pro Bono Attorney

Company Name AMERICANS FOR IMMIGRANT JUSTICE, Children's Legal Program

Dates Employed Feb 2017 – Present

Employment Duration 9 mos

Location Miami, Florida

Americans for Immigrant Justice is an award-winning non-profit law firm that protects and promotes the basic human rights of immigrants. In Florida and on a national level, it champions the rights of

unaccompanied immigrant children; advocates for survivors of trafficking and domestic violence; serves as a watchdog on immigration detention practices and policies; and speaks for immigrant groups who have particular and compelling claims to justice. I am proud to be a part of the pro bono team of attorneys engaged in such important, fulfilling and meaningful work.

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Mediator

Company Name 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Dates Employed Feb 2017 – Present

Employment Duration 9 mos

Location WEST PALM BEACH, DELRAY BEACH

The Fifteenth Judicial Circuit's Alternative Dispute Resolution Office (ADRO) utilizes certified mediators, like myself, who assist the parties to reach a mutually acceptable agreement. The court program's mediators mediate family, juvenile dependency, and county court matters. I am honored to be a part of this incredible program.

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Legal Counsel

Company Name MARC BELL CAPITAL

Dates Employed Jun 2002 – Jun 2016

Employment Duration 14 yrs 1 mo

Location Boca Raton, Florida

Assisted and advised on legal issues including employment, labor, real estate, contract disputes and general commercial litigation matters.

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Assistant Attorney General / Disability Rights Project Coordinator

Company Name STATE OF NEW YORK, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, CIVIL RIGHTS BUREAU

Dates Employed Aug 1995 – Nov 2001

Employment Duration 6 yrs 4 mos

Location 120 BROADWAY, NYC

Ruti joined the Civil Rights Bureau of the New York State Attorney General's Office, in 1995, where she served as an Assistant Attorney General, as well as Deputy Bureau Chief.

Ruti has handled all phases of litigation from investigation to pleadings, discovery, trial and appeal, in complex affirmative civil rights cases, in federal and state court.

In addition, Ruti has lectured and trained private and public entities, including police departments and code enforcement officials, regarding state and federal disability rights laws and specialized in enforcement of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Ruti has also actively lectured at state and national conferences, including State Human Rights agencies, the American Bar Association, and the National Association of Attorneys General Civil Rights Conferences.

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Law Clerk

Company Name UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Dates Employed Jan 1994 – May 1994

Employment Duration 5 mos

Location Jacob K Javits Building, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, NY

As a law clerk, I prepared pre-hearing motions and bench memoranda, conducted research of novel legal issues, and drafted decisions taken under advisement.

Education

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New York University

Degree Name Bachelor's Degree

Field Of Study Political Science and Government

Dates attended or expected graduation 1988 – 1991

Activities and Societies: While attending NYU, I worked in the Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies.

Received BA in Political Science.

Graduated in 3 years.

Dean's List Spring 1989, Spring & Fall 1990, Spring 1991.

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**Elisabeth Haub
School of Law**
PACE UNIVERSITY

formerly
Pace Law School

Pace University School of Law

Degree Name Juris Doctor (J.D.)

Field Of Study LAW

Dates attended or expected graduation 1991 – 1994

Activities and Societies: RESEARCH & WRITING EDITOR, INTERNATIONAL LAW REVIEW

Graduated with a JD Degree in 1994.

Ranking Scholar - Spring 1994

Deans List - Fall 1992, Fall 1993

American Jurisprudence Award, Corporations

Research & Writing Editor, International Law Review

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Townsend Harris High School at Queens College

Degree Name High School

Field Of Study Humanities

Dates attended or expected graduation 1984 – 1988

