

**Manuel Pérez-Leiva, J.D., LL.L. C.V. Mediator – Miami Beach, Florida**

## **Attorney at Law; Mediator**

**MPL Law & Mediation, LLC**

**Universitat de Barcelona-School of Law**

**Miami Beach, Florida**

OVERVIEW: I am a passionate, proactive, and effective Civil Litigator practicing in Florida courts, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, and the U.S. Court of International Trade.

I am also a neutral and facilitative Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit and County Civil Mediator, dedicated to empowering parties to negotiate and settle their disputes with win-win agreements. I conduct private pre- and post-suit mediation in Florida, and by appointment by the 11th Judicial Circuit Court and the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Miami-Dade County.

Besides general civil disputes, I have mediated a multitude of Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation (RMFM) programs throughout Florida's circuits, from Pensacola to Key West, and everywhere in between.

Finally, I am a Licensed Attorney in Spain, specializing in the Civil Law systems of Europe and Latin America and, while I do not currently practice abroad, I have handled some international cases and my training and expertise in the Civil Law system may be useful if relevant to resolving your dispute.

Bottom Line: I enjoy helping people right wrongs and resolve their legal disputes!

EXPERIENCE: I have successfully litigated hundreds of civil and commercial cases, always with the client's satisfaction and best interest in mind. Prior to becoming an attorney and mediator, I had over 15 years of award-winning Business Development experience in various industries, and voted Winner of the prestigious Up & Comers Award in Sales & Marketing by South Florida Magazine, PriceWaterhouse Cooper, and the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce.

PRACTICE AREAS: General Civil, Breach of Contract, Torts, Wrongful Termination & Whistleblower Retaliation, Municipal Code Violations, Probate, and Mortgage Foreclosure Litigation. Trial Advocacy. Alternative Dispute Resolution.

## **Experience**

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**FL Supreme Court Certified Mediator**

**Company Name MPL Law & Mediation, LLC**

**Dates Employed Jan 2010 – Present**

**Employment Duration 7 yrs 10 mos**

**Location Miami Beach, FL**

Florida Supreme Court Certified. Private and court-ordered pre- and post-suit mediation of civil and commercial cases, including Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation (RMFM) with the American Arbitration Association, the Collins Center for Public Policy, and other RMFM management centers throughout Florida.

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### **Attorney & Counselor at Law**

**Company Name MPL Law & Mediation, LLC**

**Dates Employed Dec 2009 – Present**

**Employment Duration 7 yrs 11 mos**

**Location Miami Beach, FL**

Civil, Commercial, Labor & Employment, Probate Litigation, and Mortgage Foreclosure Defense.

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### **Litigation Attorney**

**Company Name Ben-Ezra & Katz, P.A.**

**Dates Employed Jun 2009 – Nov 2009**

**Employment Duration 6 mos**

Plaintiff's mortgage foreclosure litigation.

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**Attorney at Law**

**Company Name Private Practice**

**Dates Employed Jun 2008 – May 2009**

**Employment Duration 1 yr**

**Location Miami Beach, FL**

Civil & Commercial Litigation. Criminal Defense.

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**Attorney at Law**

**Company Name Richard S. Gendler & Associates, P.A.**

**Dates Employed Oct 2006 – May 2008**

**Employment Duration 1 yr 8 mos**

**Location Miami Gardens, FL**

Civil and Probate Litigation, Criminal Defense, Estate Planning.

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**Volunteer Attorney**

**Company Name Miami Public Defender's Office**

**Dates Employed Feb 2006 – Oct 2006**

**Employment Duration 9 mos**

Felony Defense Division.

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### **Award-Winning Business Development Executive**

**Company Name South Florida Companies**

**Dates Employed Sep 1986 – Dec 2001**

**Employment Duration 15 yrs 4 mos**

Award-winning Business Development and Management experience as Vice President or Director of Sales & Marketing in the International Transportation, Telecommunications, Aviation e-Commerce, and Insurance/ Financial Services. Managed sales teams, achieved major account acquisition and retention, and created sales and marketing initiatives, thereby substantially increasing market share and revenue for such companies as United Parcel Service, Xpedite Systems, and PartsBase.com.

## **Education**

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### **Universitat de Barcelona-School of Law**

**Degree Name Licentiate of Laws (Spanish Law Degree)**

**Field Of Study Law**

**Dates attended or expected graduation 2004 – 2005**

**Activities and Societies: Studied Catalan.**

Second Law Degree in Spain, where I am licensed to practice upon admission to a regional bar association.

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## **Nova Southeastern University-Law Center**

Degree Name Juris Doctor

Field Of Study Law

Dates attended or expected graduation 2001 – 2004

Activities and Societies: Co-founder & President, Human Rights Law Students Association. Silver Medal Award for Pro Bono service.

Concentration in International Law and Civil Law.

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## **Yale University**

Degree Name Bachelor of Arts

Field Of Study Sociology

Dates attended or expected graduation 1974 – 1978

Activities and Societies: Crew Team, Fencing, Film Societies

Intensive Major, requiring advanced graduate-level courses. Senior Essay (thesis) on the Sociology of Law, and an undergraduate paper on same was selected for my presentation at the 5th Undergraduate Research Conference on Sociology in Rhode Island.