# Christopher Benjamin C.V. Mediator – Miami, Florida

## Senior Managing Shareholder at the Barrister Firm, P.A.

#### **Barristers Care Incorporated**

#### St. Thomas University School of Law

#### Miami/Fort Lauderdale Area

Mr. Benjamin is the founder of the Barrister Firm, P.A. where the Firm emphasizes delivery of outstanding legal services in a variety of legal areas such as civil & commercial litigation, family law, criminal law, business transactions, probate administration, employment/labor and bankruptcy just to name a few.

Mr. Benjamin is an AV Preeminent Attorney (highest peer rating by Martindale-Hubbell), listed in Super Lawyers and rated Superb by AVVO.com. His own practice includes representing startups (with an emphasis on tech companies). His clients have also included lenders, developers, investors, entrepreneurs, entertainers, athletes, publishers, corporations (including non-profits and religious entities), individuals and small business owners.

Mr. Benjamin is also a Florida Supreme Court Certified Mediator and Qualified Arbitrator with the prestigious dispute resolution firm of Salmon & Dulberg and he's been listed on the panel of mediators and arbitrators for American Arbitration Association, and FL Department of Financial Services and Financial Industry Regulation Agency (FINRA).

Mr. Benjamin's wide knowledge of various legal areas, easy going demeanor, and great sense of justice and fairness has made him an excellent jurist as he serves on the Bench of the Traffic Court for the County Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida and as Special Magistrate for various municipalities around South Florida.

He has served as president of Miami-Dade's Black Lawyers' Association (The Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Bar Association) and the Florida Muslim Bar Association. He has also co-chaired the Miami-Dade County Bar Association's Solo/Small Firm Committee. He has represented dozens of indigent clients through Dade County Legal aid's Put Something Back Program.

Mr. Benjamin strives to maintain a law firm that provides the legal services most needed in your daily life. That's why THE BARRISTER FIRM attorneys are the LAST ATTORNEYS YOU'LL EVER NEED!!

# **Experience**

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#### **President**

**Company Name Barristers Care Incorporated** 

<u>Dates Employed Jul 2017 – Present</u>

**Employment Duration 6 mos** 

**Location South Florida** 

A nonprofit organization dedicated to providing legal education to the general public through free seminars; increasing the number of minorities in the fields of Law and Law Enforcement by providing educational scholarships; providing youth empowerment; providing legal services to low and moderate income litigants and helping to decrease police misconduct by providing assistance in reporting and follow up on misconduct.

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### **Adjunct Professor of Law**

**Company Name Nova Southeastern University** 

<u>Dates Employed Oct 2016 – Present</u>

**Employment Duration 1 yr 3 mos** 

**Location Davie, Florida** 

Teaching law courses in the online Masters programs

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## **Adjunct Instructor**

**Company Name Miami Dade College** 

### <u>Dates Employed Oct 2015 – Present</u>

**Employment Duration 2 yrs 3 mos** 

**Location Miami - North Campus** 

Instructor in the Adult Continuing Education Division - teaching courses in business and the prelicensing and continuing education courses for Florida Title Agents and Notary Public.

## **Managing Broker**

Company Name The Esquire Realty Corporation (d/b/a Esquire Homes)

<u>Dates Employed Nov 2014 – Present</u>

**Employment Duration 3 yrs 2 mos** 

**Location Miami/Fort Lauderdale Area** 

We provide real estate brokerage services for buyers (and some of our agents handle listings). We handle buyer needs from start to finish (with in-house legal counsel and title insurance services).

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### Manager

**Company Name The Property Exchange, LLC** 

<u>Dates Employed Jul 2013 – Present</u>

**Employment Duration 4 yrs 6 mos** 

**Location Miami/Fort Lauderdale Area** 

We buy and sell real property throughout the nation. We provide bird dog services for investors looking for property in South Florida. We provide property management services for out-of-state

investors buying and holding property in South Florida. We also provide expediting services for the various municipalities permitting process.

**Traffic Hearing Officer** 

**Company Name Miami-Dade County Court** 

<u>Dates Employed Jan 2011 – Present</u>

**Employment Duration 7 yrs** 

**Location Miami-Dade County** 

As a traffic hearing officer, I perform the task of taking and evaluating evidence and testimony from witnesses, making findings of fact and conclusions of law. Traffic hearing officers conduct both pretrial hearings and infraction trials for civil traffic infractions, parking infractions, Florida's Sunpass toll infractions and general toll infractions. Traffic hearing officers hear between 100-425 cases per docket and hear cases once or twice a week (with 6-7 dockets per day).

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### **Mediator/Arbitrator**

#### **Company Name Salmon & Dulberg Dispute Resolution**

Dates Employed Oct 2009 – Present

**Employment Duration 8 yrs 3 mos** 

Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Civil, Family and County Mediator; Florida Supreme Court Qualified Arbitrator; US District Court for the Southern District of Florida Approved Bankruptcy Mediator; FINRA and AAA Approved Arbitrator and Windstorm Insurance Umpire



### **Senior Managing Shareholder/Founder**

Company Name The Barrister Firm, P.A.

Dates Employed Jun 2002 - Present

**Employment Duration 15 yrs 7 mos** 

**Location Miami/Fort Lauderdale Area** 

Providing affordable and quality legal services in the areas of: Business Formation (w/emphasis on Tech startups); Corporate Management, Contracts (emphasis on Tech specialties), Litigation, Real Estate (Commercial & Leasing), Bankruptcy (Creditors & Debtors), Intellectual Property, Criminal (White Collar Crimes), Family (Divorce, Child Support & Timesharing) and Estate Planning with Asset Protection.

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### **Education**

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### St. Thomas University School of Law

<u>Degree Name Juris Doctor (J.D.)</u>

Field Of Study Law

<u>Dates attended or expected graduation 1998 – 2001</u>

Activities and Societies: Phi Alpha Delta, Student Senate, Black Law Students Association, Moot Court Board, American Inns of Court

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### **Florida Memorial University**

<u>Degree Name Bachelor's Degree</u>

Field Of Study Political Science

Dates attended or expected graduation 1994 – 1998

Activities and Societies: Omega Psi Phi Fraternity (Kappa Gamma), Student Government Association (Attorney General/Senior Class President), President's Men (Vice President), Pre-Law Society (President)