



## Linda A. Michler, Esq.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



### Primary Areas of Expertise

Healthcare  
Contract Disputes  
Banking and Finance  
Employment

**Current Employer-Title** Linda A Michler ADR - Owner

**Professional Summary** Highly experienced arbitrator and mediator with decades of experience resolving complex disputes, both locally and nationally. Specializing predominately in contracts, financial, employment and healthcare. A proficient businesswoman, who has worked in Georgia, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and South Carolina, is known for exceptional communication and interpersonal skills, to facilitate constructive discussions, helping parties reach fair settlements.

**Profession** Attorney, Independent Arbitrator and Mediator

**Work History** Owner, ADR Offices of Linda A Michler, 2015-Present; Managing Attorney, Law Office of Linda A. Michler, 1997-2015; Attorney, Lyons, Doughty & Veldhuis, 2000-2003; Instructor, Community College of Allegheny County, 2000-2001; Instructor, Robert Morris University, 1990-1999: Business Law - Liability and Avoidance, Legal Research and Writing; Special Assistant US Attorney, Assistant District Counsel, US Small Business Administration, 1991-1997; Associate Attorney, Frank R. Fleming III PC, 1988-1991.

**Experience**

**CONTRACT DISPUTES**  
Assistant District Counsel for US Small Business Administration and private practice in alternative dispute resolution helped provide extensive experience with commercial and governmental contractual issues ranging from negotiations to contractual breach of contract, real estate and title issues, product liability, Magnuson Moss Warranty Act - Lemon Law, subcontractor, franchise disputes, copyright infringement, and landlord/tenant conflicts. Involvement ranges from two person to multiparty large international airport construction. Process arbitrator in mass arbitrations and class action settlements (front and back ends of the process), global mediations.

**BANKING AND FINANCE**  
Decades of experience has provided proficiency in all aspects of both commercial and consumer finance and banking disputes including lending and collection, shareholder disputes, bankruptcy and receiverships, creditor's rights, deed recording fraud and mortgages.

**EMPLOYMENT**  
Proven expertise in employment law, ranging from compliance investigations to mediation and

arbitration processes. Providing an impartial approach to understanding both the employee and employer perspectives while maintaining confidentiality to protect problems from escalating, reoccurring and to identify systemic issues and trends. Issues include employment contract disputes and negotiations, executive compensation, intellectual property, reduction in force and regulatory compliance – EEOC, PHRC and FMLA.

#### HEALTHCARE

Successfully mediated conflicts between healthcare providers, patients, and insurance companies. Skilled at effectively evaluating complex information and promoting impartial solutions, while ensuring regulatory compliance. Some disputes involved product liability, physician employment contracts, joint ventures between companies and professionals, payment issues between managed care companies and providers, No Surprises Act and Stark Law compliance.

#### **Mediator Experience**

Served as panel chair, panel member and sole arbitrator on arbitrations. Conducted over 1000 arbitrations and mediations.

#### **Technology Proficiency**

Familiar with and accustomed to conducting arbitration and mediations using online platforms such as Zoom, Microsoft Teams, GoToMeeting and Google Meets. In addition to videoconferencing, agreeable to conduct in person, teleconference and hybrid hearings and mediations. Willing to receive all submissions and evidence in electronic format. Fluent in standard Microsoft 365 and familiar with software programs for timekeeping, project and human resource management, including Salesforce and Time Matters.

#### **Education**

Duquesne University School of Law, (JD - 1988); the University of Pittsburgh, (BS, Life Sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Physics), Psychology Minor - 1977).

#### **Professional Licenses**

Admitted to the Bar: Pennsylvania (1988), North Carolina (2008 - inactive), New York (2012); US District Court: Western District of Pennsylvania, Eastern District of North Carolina; US Court of Appeals: Third Circuit; US Supreme Court.

#### **Professional Associations**

NATIONAL AND STATE: American Bar Association, North Carolina Bar Association, Pennsylvania Bar Association, New York Bar Association, Allegheny County and Washington County Bar Associations, National Association of Distinguished Neutrals (NADN) as an invited member.

COURT: United States Bankruptcy Court, Mediation Panel Member, Western District of Pennsylvania; North Carolina Dispute Resolution Commission Panel Member Superior Court; US District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Mediator, Arbitrator, and Early Neutral Evaluator.

MEMBER AND SERVE ON PANEL: International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution, Panel of Distinguished Neutrals, Mass Employment Claims Panel, Banking and Financial Services Panel and MWI Franchise ADR Panel; American Health Law Association Panel Arbitrator and Mediator, Chair and member of the American Health Law Association Dispute Resolution Service Review Board; National Medical Reviews Inc Arbitrator; FINRA Mediator and Arbitrator; Better Business Bureau Arbitrator; American Bankruptcy Institute, American Arbitration Association – Consumer and commercial mediation and arbitration panels and NC Disaster Mediation Program. North Carolina Dispute Resolution Commission Certified Panel Member Superior Court.

#### **Recent Publications & Speaking Engagements**

Having established a broad range of experience enables the ability to be a presenter and/or program developer for several CLE providers including the American Bar Association, National Business Institute, the Allegheny County Bar Association, Washington County Bar Association, Pennsylvania Bar Association and Federal Bar Association Western Pennsylvania Chapter. Speaking includes presentations for advanced mediation training and has taught at Duquesne University, Robert Morris University and Community College of Allegheny County.

#### **Locations Where Parties Will Not be Charged for Travel Expenses**

Please contact for details. Pennsylvania, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Southeastern Virginia locations.

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| <b>Mediation Rate</b> | \$555 Per Day            |
| <b>Languages</b>      | English                  |
| <b>Citizenship</b>    | United States of America |
| <b>Locale</b>         | Pittsburgh, PA           |

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