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### **Areas of Practice**

Employment Law Arbitrator and Mediator Wage Hour Law



#### **Education**

J.D., University of Georgia School of Law, 1973

B.A., Furman University, 1970

### **Memberships**

The Florida Bar, Labor and Employment Law Section

South Carolina Bar

District of Columbia Bar

Jacksonville Bar Association, Labor and Employment Committee

American Bar Association, Labor and Employment Law Section

Scoutmaster, Boy Scouts of America, Troop 622 Chartered by: Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church

The Gideons International www.Gideons.org

Christian Legal Society (CLS) Board Member, Jacksonville Chapter, CLS

#### **Publications**

Author: Hiring in Florida: A Guide For Persons Who Interview And Hire, published in 1991 by the Florida

- Board Certified by the Florida Bar in Labor and Employment Law
- Editor (since 1989) of The Florida Employment Law Letter (monthly) www.HRHero.com
- Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Civil and Appellate Mediator
- Chair (2007-12) of Labor and Employment Law Committee, Jacksonville Bar Association
- Mr. Harper is an "AV Preeminent" rated lawyer by Martindale-Hubbell
  and has jury trial experience in all 3 federal court districts in Florida. He
  has litigation experience in a variety and number of cases, including
  numerous jury and non-jury trials before federal and state courts and
  administrative agencies.
- Mr. Harper is admitted to the trial bar at all levels of the state and federal courts in Florida, including the Middle, Northern and Southern U.S. District Courts and the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals
- Member: Employers Counsel Network: www.EmployersCounsel.net
- Panel Member, American Arbitration Association, (AAA), Expedited Commercial Claims
- Approved Mediator for all Florida Circuit Courts. Qualified Mediator for the U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Middle and Southern Districts of Florida
- Mr. Harper has been selected in *The Best Lawyers in America*, published by Woodward/White for the past 17 years (1995-2012). In 2012 *Florida Super Lawyers Magazine* named Mr. Harper as one of the top lawyers in Florida.
- Mr. Harper has been involved in over 200 union-organizing attempts, union elections, de-certifications, contract negotiations, and strikes. He presents seminars for clients and employer associations on all aspects of labor relations, wage/hour laws, personnel policies and employment law.
- Mediator for The Florida Bar Grievance Mediation and Fee Arbitration Program

Chamber of Commerce: Avoiding Legal Problems In Hiring And Firing in Florida, published in 1992 by M. Lee Smith Publishers

Editor: Florida Employment Law Letter (Monthly, since 1989); Florida Workers' Compensation Drug Testing Compliance Kit, 2d edition (1994) published by the Florida Chamber of Commerce;

The Florida Employment Law Manual, 1983-2001, published by the American Chamber of Commerce Publishers for the Florida Chamber of Commerce

#### Instruction

Teaching Instructor, 2006, Honghe University, Mengzi, Yunnan Province, Republic of China.

- Arbitrator and Mediator for *FINRA* (Financial Industry Regulatory Authority).(www.FINRA.org) *FINRA* Arbitration Chair Training
- Mediator for the Florida Department of Financial Services
- Approved, Court-Appointed Arbitrator for the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 13th and 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuits of Florida
- American Arbitration Association (AAA), Florida Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Mediator. Panel Member: Jacksonville Mediation Center (www.JaxMediationCenter.com).
- Biblical Conflict Coaching and Mediation skills through the Institute for Christian Conciliation and Peacemaker Ministries, Inc. (www.Peacemaker.net)