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**James L. Nulman**, an AV rated attorney with more than 25 years of litigation experience, is a Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Civil Mediator and Certified Appellate Mediator. He is also recognized as a mediator by the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida and is a Certified Family Mediator.

### **Litigation Experience**

In 1980, Jim began practicing law in New Jersey. In 1983 he moved to Florida and joined the Fort Myers firm of Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A. He became a shareholder of Henderson Franklin in 1989 and practiced with the firm until March 2006.

Jim's litigation practice was broadly based and involved many areas of commercial litigation, including contract disputes, corporate/partnership disputes, business torts, employment disputes, employee restrictive covenants, real estate litigation, brokerage disputes, negligence actions, as well as a host of other litigation matters. He also practiced all aspects of construction law and litigation, from the drafting of design and construction contracts to handling a wide variety of construction litigation and arbitration matters, representing owner/developers, contractors and design professionals.

### **Mediation Experience**

Jim started mediating in the early 1990s and, in 1995, became certified by the Florida Supreme Court as a Circuit Civil Mediator and recognized as a mediator before the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida. He was one of the first attorneys in Southwest Florida to become certified as an Appellate Mediator in 2011.

In April 2006, he established **Nulman Mediation Services, Inc.**, a practice dedicated solely to providing mediation services. While in the 1990s Jim mediated mostly commercial and construction disputes, over the years that has broadened significantly.

Conducting more than 200 mediations a year, his mediation practice now covers a wide range of civil disputes, including:

Business Disputes & Dissolutions	Agreements, Non-Solicitation & Non-Disclosure)
Business Torts	Fraud
Class Actions	Insurance Coverage Disputes
Condominium Disputes	Legal Malpractice
Construction Disputes of all types (including, since early 2010, Chinese Drywall cases)	Medical Malpractice
Contract Disputes	Negligence and Intentional Torts
Copyright & Trademark Disputes	Personal Injury
Corporate & Partnership Disputes	Probate, Estates, Trusts Disputes
Eminent Domain	Real Estate Disputes
Employment Discrimination Disputes (Age, Disability, National Origin, Race, Religion and Sex)	Real Estate Brokerage Disputes
Employee Restrictive Covenants (Non-Compete	Stock Broker Disputes
	Trade Secrets
	Wrongful Death

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In addition to two-party mediations, Jim frequently handles multi-party mediations involving as many as twenty or more parties. While based in Southwest Florida, Jim mediates throughout the state.

### **Faculty Affiliation**

A member of the faculty of Mediation Training Group, Inc. since 2006, Jim participates in circuit civil training and speaks on various topics, including: mediation theory and practice, mediation techniques, negotiation dynamics, attorneys and mediation, the preparation of settlement agreements, basic legal concepts and financial issues inherent in mediation.

### **Honors**

In 2013, Jim was inducted as a fellow into the American College of Civil Trial Mediators. College fellows are selected for membership by invitation. Membership is limited to approximately 150 mediators nationwide, with fewer than 25 from Florida.

Jim has been included in the *Best Lawyers in America*® in the area of Alternative Dispute Resolution each year from 2009 through 2015. He also has been recognized in the annual lists of *Florida Super Lawyers*® for 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010 and 2009. *The Best Lawyers in America* are named based on an exhaustive peer review survey involving more than 18,500 leading attorneys throughout the country who rate the legal abilities of their colleagues. Selection for inclusion as a *Florida Super Lawyer* is the result of an annual, comprehensive, state-wide peer review selection process by Law & Politics.

### **Education**

Seton Hall University School of Law, J.D., cum laude (1980)  
Rutgers University, B.A. (1977)

### **Bar Memberships**

New Jersey Bar (1980)  
The Florida Bar (1983)  
United States Court of Appeals, Third Circuit (1983)  
United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida (1983)  
United States Supreme Court (1986)

### **Professional Memberships**

American College of Civil Trial Mediators  
Collier County Bar Association  
Emeritus Master, Calusa Inn of Court  
Florida Academy of Professional Mediators  
Florida Bar Association  
Lee County Bar Association  
New Jersey Bar Association  
The Florida Circuit-Civil Mediator Society  
The National Association of Distinguished Neutrals

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