

Linda A. Michler, Esq.
Mediator/Arbitrator



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Linda A. Michler is a highly experienced alternative dispute resolution professional with more than three decades of practice resolving complex civil and commercial disputes. She has conducted more than 2,000 mediations, arbitrations, and ADR proceedings, achieving a settlement rate exceeding 95%.

Linda brings a strong legal and practical foundation to her work as a neutral, including service as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney and Assistant District Counsel for the U.S. Small Business Administration, as well as over 20 years owning and managing her own law firm. Her experience spans complex commercial, employment, healthcare, banking, and contract disputes across state, federal, and administrative forums. Her approach is informed, efficient, and results-driven, helping parties evaluate risk and move toward resolution in both high-stakes and complex matters.

CAREER SUMMARY

EDUCATION

- **Duquesne University School of Law**
J.D., 1988
- **University of Pittsburgh,**
B.S. 1977

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Commercial & Governmental Issues

- Contract and Business
- Finance & Banking
- Employment & Healthcare

Employment and Labor Law

- Healthcare Compliance

Liability & Industry

- Professional Malpractice
- Insurance Coverage
- Manufacturer Liability

Industry-Specific Matters

- Construction / Design Law
- Real Estate & Property Law

LICENSES & ADMISSIONS

- Pennsylvania Bar, 1988
 - North Carolina Bar, 2008 (inactive)
 - New York Bar, 2012
 - U.S. District Court – Western District of Pennsylvania
 - U.S. District Court – Eastern District of North Carolina
 - U.S. Court of Appeals – Third Circuit
 - U.S. Supreme Court
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PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Owner & Principal

Linda A. Michler (ADR & Law Office) — 1997–Present

- Conducts domestic and international mediations, arbitrations, early neutral evaluations, and special master appointments
- Handles a broad range of complex civil and commercial disputes.

Special Assistant U.S. Attorney / Assistant District Counsel

U.S. Small Business Administration, Pittsburgh, PA — 1991–1997

- Represented federal interests in litigation, contractual and regulatory matters across administrative and federal forums.

Associate Attorney

Frank R. Fleming III, P.C. — 1988–1991

- Early career litigation and transactional legal experience.
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LEGAL & PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Membership and leadership roles include:

ADR & Panel Leadership

- American Health Law Association — *Panel Arbitrator and Mediator; Chair, Dispute Resolution Service Review Board*
- International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution — *Panel of Distinguished Neutrals*

Bar & Professional Leadership

- American Bar Association — *Dispute Resolution Section leadership roles*
- Allegheny County Bar Association — *Chair, ADR Committee*

Court & Regulatory Panels

- U.S. Bankruptcy Court (Western District of Pennsylvania) — *Mediation Panel Member*
- North Carolina Dispute Resolution Commission — *Certified Mediator*

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HONORS & RECOGNITION

- **National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals (NADN)** — Invited Member
 - **CPR Panel of Distinguished Neutrals** – Panels including Banking & Financial Services, Employment Disputes, Franchise, Mass Employment Claims, Healthcare & Life Sciences
 - **Fellow, American Bar Foundation** — Honorary society recognizing legal excellence and public service
 - **Panel Arbitrator & Mediator with FINRA**, Better Business Bureau, American Arbitration Association (including NC Disaster Mediation Program)
 - Early Neutral Evaluation and Special Master appointments in federal and bankruptcy courts
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PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- Michler, L. (2026). Resolving Healthcare Business Disputes. Allegheny County Bar Association (Speaker)
 - Michler, L. & Murray, C. (2025). Issues Related to Health Care Employment Arbitration (Podcast, AHLA)
 - A Lawyer's Obligation When Advising an Organization About Legal Risk — ACBA Lawyer Journal (2025)
 - Michler, L. (2025). Recognizing Ethical Issues and the Limits of Confidentiality (ACBA)
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PUBLIC SPEAKING & TEACHING

Select speaking engagements and instruction roles:

- Presenter and program developer for CLE providers including the American Bar Association, National Business Institute, and multiple bar associations
- Faculty and lecturer at Duquesne University, Robert Morris University, and Community College of Allegheny County
- Moderator and presenter for national ADR webinars and seminars

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