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Michael A. Zuckerman, Esq. is an experienced lawyer, mediator and arbitrator. A four-time federal law clerk, Mr. Zuckerman is also a former law professor and lawyer at a global law firm, who now focuses on alternative dispute resolution. Trained by the best, and with a wealth of experience, Mr. Zuckerman loves what he does—helping people and companies resolve disputes. He brings passion, skill and a personal touch to all of his engagements.

After graduating with honors from Cornell Law School, Mr. Zuckerman began his legal career as a judicial law clerk for judges in the Eastern District of New York, on the Sixth Circuit and in the Northern District of Illinois. Mr. Zuckerman later in his career clerked for a judge on the Seventh Circuit. Beyond his clerkships, Mr. Zuckerman was a lawyer at Jones Day in the elite Issues & Appeals practice group, where he focused on complex trial and appellate matters. He has broad experience in nearly every area of civil practice, including complex commercial litigation, class actions, contracts, insurance and subrogation, consumer credit and debt, property, personal injury, employment and smaller claims. One federal judge in a written order once lauded Mr. Zuckerman for making “one proud to be a lawyer,” based on Mr. Zuckerman’s conduct in a mediation proceeding.

Mr. Zuckerman’s experience goes beyond the courthouse and law firm. He was a full-time law professor at Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, where he taught communication and legal reasoning to first-year law students. Mr. Zuckerman publishes and speaks frequently on myriad topics, such as legal practice, professional ethics and conflict resolution. Mr. Zuckerman, a member of many professional organizations, is a certified mediator and arbitrator in numerous federal and state courts. He has a wealth of mediation and arbitration experience and is committed to fairness, impartiality and professionalism.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Judicial Clerkships

- Hon. Amy J. St. Eve, U.S. Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- Hon. Amy J. St. Eve, U.S. District Judge, U.S. District Court of Illinois
- Hon. Eric L. Clay, U.S. Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- Hon. Cheryl L. Pollak, U.S. Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court for the E.D.N.Y.

Other Professional Experience (Selected)

- Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, *Clinical Assistant Professor of Law*
- Jones Day, *Associate*, Issues & Appeals Practice Group
- Kirkland & Ellis, LLP, *Summer Associate*

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- J.D., *cum laude*, Cornell Law School (note editor on law review)
- B.S., Cornell University (School of Industrial and Labor Relations)
- Certificate, Northwestern University (40-hour Basic Mediation Skills)
- Various court-based and private trainings in mediation and arbitration

DISPUTE RESOLUTION CERTIFICATIONS (Selected)

- Mediator, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Western Division
- Mediator, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana
- Mediator, Circuit Court of Cook County, Chancery Division
- Mediator, Circuit Court of Cook County, Law Division
- Mediator, Circuit Court of Cook County, Probate Division
- Mediator, Circuit Court of Lake County, Small Claims Division & Evictions
- Mediator, Circuit Court of Will County, Small Claims Division & Evictions
- Mediator, Circuit Court of DuPage County, Eviction Claims
- Mediator, Circuit Court of Kankakee County
- Mediator, Chicago Bar Association Mediation Service
- Arbitrator, Circuit Court of Cook County, Mandatory-Court Annexed Arbitration Program
- Arbitrator, Circuit Court of Will County, Mandatory-Court Annexed Arbitration Program
- Arbitrator and Mediator, Various Panels

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS (Selected)

- American Bar Association (Section on Dispute Resolution; Publications Board, ABA Center for Professional Responsibility)
- Association of Attorney-Mediators (Programming Committee)
- Association for Conflict Resolution, Chicago Chapter
- Seventh Circuit Bar Association
- Illinois State Bar Association (ADR Section)
- Lesbian and Gay Bar Association of Chicago (LAGBAC)
- Chicago Bar Association
- Lake County Bar Association

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

- State of Illinois
- Supreme Court of the United States
- United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana
- United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin

PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS (Selected)

Speaking and Presentations

- Moderator, Mediators in Robes: Mediation Tips from Federal Magistrate Judges (scheduled for 2022)
- Panelist, ABA Section on Dispute Resolution, The Many Roads to ADR: The Volunteer Experience, Doing Well by Doing Good (scheduled for 2022)
- Panelist, ABA Tech Show, Top Insights from Analyzing AI Tools in Legal Writing Instruction (scheduled for 2022)
- Speaker, Scientific Association of Forensic Examiners, Best Practices for Reports (2021)
- Participant, Podcast: Technically Legal, AI and Legal Writing (2021)
- Panelist, Ethics 2020, Law Bulletin Seminars, Social Media/Review Websites (2020)
- Panelist, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Diversity and Being Out in the Legal Community (2019)
- Panelist, Chicago Bar Association, Federal Practice and Discovery Disputes (2018)
- Panelist & Speaker, Numerous Firm Events About Clerkships and Career Advancement (2012-2017)
- Speaker, ABA Federal Procurement Institute, Offshore State Government Contracting (2009)
- Speaker, Law & Society Association, The Intersection of Public and Private Work (2008)
- Speaker, Cornell School of Industrial and Labor Relations, Offshoring in the Public Sector (2008)

Publications

- *Professor Makes a Case Against Automating Legal Writing in Law School*, ABA Journal (2021)
- *The Ethics of a Gig*, Lawyer's Forum, Chicago Daily Law Bulletin (2020)
- *Legal Ethics Apply on LinkedIn, Too*, Silicon Valley Business Journal (2020)
- *Thanks for Nothing: When Should Lawyers End an Email with 'Thank You'?*, ABA Journal Online (2020)
- *One Gig Too Many*, Guest Post, Legal Profession Blog (2020)
- *More from the #Jury Box: The Latest on Juries and Social Media*, 12 Duke L. & Tech. Rev. 64 (2014) (co-authored with Hon. Amy J. St. Eve and Hon. Charles P. Burns)
- *Ferrets and Truffles and Hounds, Oh My: Getting Beyond Waiver*, 18 Green Bag 2d 77 (2014) (co-authored)
- *The Forgotten Pleading*, 7 Fed. Cts. L. Rev. 152 (2013) (co-authored with Hon. Amy J. St. Eve)
- *Legal Writing as Good Writing: Tips from the Trenches*, 14 J. App. Prac. & Proc. 303 (2013) (co-authored)
- *Expert Case Management*, At Sidebar, 60 Fed. Lawyer 4 (2013)
- *Ensuring an Impartial Jury in the Age of Social Media*, 11 Duke L. & Tech. Rev. 1 (2012) (co-authored with Hon. Amy J. St. Eve)
- *Judicial Recusal and Expanding Notions of Due Process*, 13 U. Pa. J. Const. L. 977 (2011) (co-authored)
- *Constitutional Clash: When English-Only Meets Voting Rights*, Essay, 28 Yale L. & Pol'y Rev. 353 (2010)
- *Insistent Pleading After Twombly and Iqbal*, New York Law Journal (Jan. 2010)
- *Yes, I Destroyed the Evidence – Sue Me? Intentional Spoliation of Evidence in Illinois*, 27 J. Marshall J. Comput. & Info. L. 235 (2009)
- *The Offshoring of American Government*, Note, 94 Cornell L. Rev. 165 (2009)
- *The Court of Congressional Contempt*, Note, 25 J. L. & Pol. 41 (2009)

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