

## **DAMARY V. STOKES, ESQUIRE**

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### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

*Nova Shepard Broad Law Center*  
*Adjunct Professor*

*Davie, Florida*  
*Winter term 2024*

Teaching 2L and 3L law students the art of mediation in an interactive mediation workshop class.

*Matrix Mediation, LLC*  
*Florida Supreme Court Family Law Mediator*  
*Florida Supreme Court Circuit Civil Mediator*  
*Qualified Arbitrator*

*Palm Beach, Florida*  
*April 2022- present*

Conduct family law mediations for prose litigants and private attorneys. Conduct circuit civil mediations for private attorneys and insurance carriers in personal injury cases, global settlement conferences and first party property claims.

*Ideal Compromise Mediation & Family Law*  
*Florida Supreme Court Family Law Mediator*

*Palm Beach, Florida*  
*August 2021 – April 2022*

Conducted family law mediations for prose litigants and private attorneys.

*15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit*  
*General Magistrate (Quasi-judicial)*

*Palm Beach, Florida*  
*October 2019 – June 2021*

Conducted hearings in a fair and impartial manner, made findings of fact, prepared reports and recommendations to the Circuit Judges, as well as draft proposed Orders for all post judgment family law matters. Presided over Marchman Act and Baker Act cases.

*Law Office of Damary Valle, P.A.*  
*Sole Practitioner and Of Counsel for Florida Family Law Clinic*

*Miami, Florida*  
*September 2011 – October 2019*

Represented clients in contested divorces, child support modifications, paternity, and enforcement proceedings. Handled trials, court hearings, and depositions.

*Conroy, Simberg, Ganon, Krevans, Abel, Lurvey, Morrow, P.A.,*  
*Attorney*

*Hollywood, Florida*  
*December 2008 –September 2011*

Represented insurance companies in premises liability and negligent security lawsuits for one of the largest insurance defense firms in Florida. Handled court hearings, conducted depositions, and examinations under oath. Obtained Ascendant Insurance Group as a new client, obtaining over \$500,000 in new case referrals in the first year. Supervised paralegal's work assignments and performance. Successfully handled a caseload of approximately 100 cases, settling over 80% of cases.

*DeMahy, Labrador, Drake, Payne, & Cabeza, P.A.,*  
*Attorney*

*Coral Gables, Florida*  
*September 2007 –December 2008*

Represented insurance companies in homeowner insurance claims and legal malpractice suits. Attended court hearings and conducted depositions. Evaluated and analyzed insurance policies in order to determine future handling of claims. Managed and supervised five support staff personnel. Initiated and established new in-house procedures in order to timely respond to discovery requests. Conducted numerous examinations under oath in order to effectively settle cases prior to the filing of a lawsuit, saving clients money in attorney fees and litigation costs.

### **EDUCATION**

*Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad Law Center, Fort Lauderdale, Florida*  
*Juris Doctor, December 2006*

Membership: The Florida Bar, 2007

**ASSOCIATIONS:**

- Sherri Cunnington Black Women Lawyers Association, *Judicial Advisor*
- Hispanic Bar Association, Palm Beach County, *Active Member*
- Palm Beach Bar Association, *Active Member*
- Alternative Dispute Resolution, Executive Council and Committee Member of the Palm Beach Bar Association

**CERTIFICATIONS:**

- Florida Qualified Arbitrator, December 2022
- Florida Supreme Court Circuit Civil Mediator, May 2022
- Florida Supreme Court Family Law Mediator, August 2021

**SKILLS/LANGUAGES**

- Fluent in spoken Spanish

**PUBLICATIONS**

- “It’s a Team Effort: Co-parenting after a divorce”: Article published in March 2012 edition of In Brickell magazine.
- Pending article, November 2023 for the Alternative Dispute Resolution section of the Florida Bar