

JEFFREY M. KATZ

Certified Florida State Circuit Court Mediator

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Certified Florida State Circuit Court Mediator and AV-Rated attorney with more than 30 years of experience specializing in **complex construction defect disputes, premises liability claims, automobile accidents** and complex civil litigation. Extensive background evaluating construction-related damages, coordinating expert analysis, assessing liability exposure, and facilitating resolutions in high-value property and bodily-injury matters. Known for objective, detail-driven case evaluation and strong negotiation skills that support efficient and cost-effective dispute resolution.

MEDIATION & LEGAL EXPERIENCE

JMK Mediations, LLC | 2026-Present

- Florida Supreme Court Certified Mediator

Key Mediation Strengths:

- Deep expertise interpreting construction contracts, scopes of work, expert engineering reports, and liability analyses
- Ability to simplify complex technical issues for parties and counsel
- Proven record guiding multi-party construction and premises liability disputes to resolution
- Strong communication with attorneys, claims professionals, risk managers, engineers, and contractors
- Reviewing and analyzing medical treatments and injuries for all type of personal injury claims

Managing Partner | Katz, Siegel & Maple P.L. 2008-2025

Partner | Dalan, Katz & Siegel, P.L. | 1998 – 2025

Lead counsel and mediator in complex matters involving **construction defects, premises liability, automobile negligence** including:

- Structural failures, stucco defects, water intrusion, mold, roofs, design errors, and contractor/subcontractor disputes
- Defective materials, equipment failures, and related property-damage claims
- Residential and commercial premises liability involving slip-and-fall, negligent security, property hazards, and environmental conditions
- Automobile liability disputes

Additional areas of practice include:

- Commercial and personal lines insurance defense
- Insurance fraud and consumer fraud
- Products liability and toxic tort claims
- Asbestos and lead paint defense
- Automobile liability and UM/UIM claims
- Homeowner Associations
- Personal Injury
- Property Damage
- Wrongful Death
- Dog Bite
- Breach of Contract
- Professional Negligence
- Subrogation

Associate | Rick Dalan, Attorney at Law | 1996 – 1997

Handled a broad range of litigation with a strong emphasis on:

- **Construction litigation and defect claims**
 - **Premises liability defense, automobile liability and UM claims**
 - Products liability and toxic tort matters
 - Subrogation and insurance coverage disputes
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Associate | Dore & Owens, P.A. | 1992 – 1996

Litigated commercial and personal lines disputes with significant experience in:

- **Construction litigation, equipment failure claims, and LP gas explosion matters**
 - **Premises liability defense** and general liability cases
 - Toxic torts, products liability, and coverage disputes
 - Automobile liability and UM/UIM claims
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EDUCATION

- **LL.M., Taxation**, Emory College of Law – *1992*
 - **Juris Doctor**, Stetson College of Law – *1991*
 - **B.S., Business Administration**, University of Florida – *1988*
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BAR ADMISSIONS & CERTIFICATIONS

- Florida Bar – *1991*
 - U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida – *1992*
 - U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit – *1992*
 - **Certified Florida State Circuit Court Mediator**
 - **AV Rated by Martindale-Hubbell**
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PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- American Bar Association
 - Florida Bar
 - Clearwater Bar Association
 - St. Petersburg Bar Association
 - Florida Academy of Professional Mediation
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