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## **Michael Botnick Obtains Civil Mediator Certification**

New Orleans, LA - Gordon Arata is pleased to announce that Michael Botnick has obtained his mediator certification. Michael has over 35 years of experience in commercial litigation encompassing construction, transactions, real estate, contracts and corporate law as well as trusts and estates and personal injury. In the last 30 years, Michael has dedicated a hefty portion of his time practicing construction law and handling litigation cases involving disputes, an area in which he has been recognized in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*. *Chambers USA* states that Michael is noted for his construction litigation strengths on behalf of clients in the public and private sector. Peers praise his pragmatic approach to disputes and his focus for reaching the best solutions. The publication further states that he is "very good at breaking it down, anticipating issues before they happen and coming up with practical solutions that avoid wasting time and money."

Michael has also been named to *Louisiana Super Lawyers* and *New Orleans Magazine* "Top Lawyers" for his work in Construction Law. He is listed in the A.M. Best's Directory of Insurance Professionals and is AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell.

From 1988-2003, before joining Gordon Arata, Michael served in various capacities for the City of New Orleans, including as Deputy City Attorney, Director of Economic Development and Lead Counsel for the City. His duties spanned from negotiating and preparing all public bid and service contracts to overseeing the Harrah's Casino Project and other major City events to complex, high-profile state and federal litigation for the City. Michael is admitted to practice law in Louisiana.

### **About Gordon Arata**

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