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#### **Areas of Practice**

Employment Arbitrator Mediator Labor & Employment Law

## **Education**

J.D., University of Georgia School of Law, 1973

B.A., Furman University, 1970

## Memberships

The Florida Bar, Labor and Employment Law Section

South Carolina Bar

District of Columbia Bar

Jacksonville Bar Association, Chair of Labor and Employment Committee 2007-09

American Bar Association, Labor and Employment Law Section

Asst. Scoutmaster, Boy Scouts of America, Troop 522

Volusia County Manufacturers Association www.VMAOnLine.com

The Gideons International www.Gideons.org

Christian Legal Society and The Jacksonville Christian Lawyer Directory

# **Publications**

Author: Hiring in Florida: A Guide For Persons Who Interview And Hire, published in 1991 by the Florida Chamber of Commerce: Avoiding Legal Problems In Hiring And Firing in Florida, published in 1992 by M. Lee Smith Publishers Editor: Florida Employment Law Letter (Monthly, since 1989); Florida Workers' Compensation Drug Testing Compliance Kit, 2d edition (1994) published by the Florida Chamber of Commerce; The Florida Employment Law Manual, 1983-2001, published by the American Chamber of Commerce Publishers for the Florida Chamber of Commerce

### Instruction

Teaching Instructor, 2006, Honghe University, Mengzi, Yunnan Province, Republic of China.

# **G. THOMAS HARPER**

- Approved Arbitrator for the Seventh (St. Johns, Flagler, Putnam and Volusia Counties), Thirteenth (Hillsborough County) and Seventeenth (Broward County) Judicial Circuits of Florida
- Board Certified by the Florida Bar in Labor and Employment Law
- Editor (since 1989) of The Florida Employment Law Letter (monthly)
- Arbitrator Training approved by the Florida Supreme Court and Advanced Arbitrator Training
- Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Court Mediator
- Approved Mediator for all Florida Circuit Courts
- Qualified Mediator for the U.S. District Courts for the Northern and Middle Districts of Florida
- Chair (2007-09) of Labor and Employment Law Committee, Jacksonville Bar Association
- Mr. Harper has tried employment cases in all 3 federal court districts in Florida. He has litigation experience in a wide variety and large number of cases, including numerous jury and non-jury trials before federal and state courts and administrative agencies.
- Mr. Harper has participated in approximately 100 employment-related mediations. He is a Panel Member of the Jacksonville Mediation Center (www.JaxMediationCenter.com).
- Mr. Harper has experience representing both management and employee/plaintiffs.
- Mr. Harper has been selected in *The Best Lawyers in America*, published by Woodward/White for the past 14 years (1995-2009). In June of 2009 *Florida Super Lawyers Magazine* named Mr. Harper as one of the top lawyers in Florida.
- Mr. Harper is an Adjunct Instructor for the University of North Florida, Division of Continuing Education. He has also served as an expert witness on employment law issues in federal court in Florida.