



2026 Palm Beach County Bar Association's Bench Bar Conference

March 6, 2026

Time: 8:30 AM – 9:45 AM

ADR SESSION

Litigator Mediator Forum: Featuring the Palm Beach County Premiere of the: “*The Voice of the Client Film- How do Your Clients Really See You and the Mediation Process?*”

This 75-minute course will cover ethical rules governing mediation and advanced mediation strategies and techniques applicable to litigators, mediators, in-house counsel and other mediation stake-holders.

Panelists: Ryan McCarthy, Esq., Patricia Leonard, Esq., Abigail Beebe, Esq., Harold Oehler, Esq. and Judge Caryn Siperstein

Moderator: Mark Greenberg, Esq.

- I. Overview of Program and Speakers
- II. Tactical and Ethical Considerations in Choosing In Person vs. Live Mediation
- III. How should Mediators and Trial Lawyers Prepare for Mediation to Best Serve their Mutual Clients
- IV. How Mediators and Trial Lawyers Can Make Compelling Opening Statements
- V. Ethical Rules Governing Counsel and the Mediator's conduct during the Mediation Negotiation: How Much Pressure is Too Much Pressure?
- VI. How May the Mediation Process be Improved for Parties to Mediation and a Discussion of the Ethical Considerations Impacting Those Potential Changes.
- VII. Discussion of Ethical Issues Raised by Audience Questions.