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## WORK EXPERIENCE

**Schulwolf Mediation, PLLC** (Austin, TX: August 2019 – present). Founder and President. Mediator of all types of legal disputes including commercial and family law.

**Michaels, Schulwolf & Salerno** (Chicago, IL: November 2004 – July 2019). Founding and Managing Partner of firm originally known as Michaels & May, P.C. Commercial Litigator. Significant experience litigating insurance coverage matters often involving environmental or mass torts.

- **Commercial Arbitration (AAA Rules):** Successfully obtained summary judgment in favor of client as lead attorney on briefing and handled arguments in front of trial and appellate court judges in the following high profile matters: *Cinergy Corp. v. St. Paul Surplus Lines Ins. Co.*, 873 N.E.2d 105 (Ind. Ct. App. 2007); *Cinergy Corp. v. St. Paul Surplus Lines Insurance Company, et al.*, 785 N.E.2d 586 (Ind. Ct. App. 2003); *Cinergy Corp. v. St. Paul Surplus Lines Insurance Company*, 810 N.E.2d 786 (Table) (Ind. Ct. App. 2004) (unpublished); *City of Evansville v. United States Fid.*, 965 N.E.2d 92; *Nat'l Farmers Union Prop. & Cas. Co. v. Degroate Petroleum Serv., Inc.*, 2013 IL App (3d) 120917-U (unpublished [Opinion](#)). Drafted and fully briefed motion to dismiss granted in *Hillshire Brands Co. v. Travelers Cas. & Sur.* (N.D. IL) Case: 1:15-cv-06859, Doc. # 172.

**Fedota, Childers & May** (Chicago, IL: Aug. 2000- October 2004). Commercial Litigator.

- **Commercial Arbitration (AAA Rules):** Coordinated strategy for and sole attorney presenting breach of contract case to panel of three arbitrators. Obtained a seven-figure award for the full amount of damages sought.
- **Complex Litigation:** Represented interests of clients in state and federal court in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Tennessee. Coordinated the work of over 20 lawyers in order to prepare large cases for trial (*i.e.* conducted depositions and prepared substantive motions) and have been the primary negotiator during settlement negotiations involving multi-million dollar disputes.

**University of Plovdiv, Faculty of Law** (Plovdiv, Bulgaria: September 1998 - July 2000). Taught the following courses (in English) to Bulgarian law students:

International Dispute Resolutions, Insurance Law, Special Topics in International Law, Comparative Constitutional Law and International Organizations.

Created and organized seminars on Negotiations, Moot Court and co-taught an Alternative Dispute Resolution Seminar (in Bulgarian).

**Lord, Bissell & Brook** (Chicago, IL: 1994-98). Litigation Associate. Worked on numerous commercial cases valued in excess of \$10 million and several over \$100 million.

- **Manufactured Gas Plant Litigation** (Illinois state court)  
Developed discovery plan for litigation team of four attorneys to obtain essential pre-trial evidence, actively deposed witnesses, oversaw the process of assimilating new information, provided updated assessments of the status of discovery and our clients' defenses to the litigation team and our clients, drafted important motions and represented clients at relevant court hearings.
- **Large Polluter of Multiple Sites** (New York and New Jersey state courts)  
Analyzed legal and financial data and developed strategy for mediation and eventual settlement of a significant claim, deposed witnesses and assisted in the development of evidence to support our clients' defenses. Reported status of the litigation and prospects for success to our clients.
- **Supervised Litigation** (Illinois state court)  
Analyzed policyholder's insurance claim. Supervised clients' defense against a Structural Work Act claim.
- **Breast Implants Coverage Litigation** (Michigan state court)  
Conducted legal research and assisted in drafting motions for summary judgment in support of our clients' claim that the policyholder misrepresented the risks involved in its products. Obtained favorable ruling that assisted our clients in eventually reaching a favorable settlement on the eve of trial.
- **Claim Settlement** (Massachusetts state court)  
Negotiated the settlement of multiple claims stemming from an insured event.

## **PRO BONO**

**Pro-Bono Advocates** (Illinois state court), Represented numerous women in civil "order of protection" proceedings in Illinois state court.

**Law Explorers** (co-chair) program designed to help Chicago Public School students learn about the law and public speaking

**Central Texas Dispute Resolution Center** (Texas state court), Volunteer Mediator

**Austin Bar Association** (Travis County), Courtroom Mediation Project, Volunteer Mediator

## EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

**University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, Michigan** (J.D. 1994), *Cum Laude*.

**University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana** (B.A. 1991), *Summa Cum Laude*, Russian and East European Studies (highest distinction) and History (highest distinction), Bronze Tablet (top 3%)

## PUBLICATIONS

**Schulwolf, S. Steve & A'Hearn, K. (2012, Spring). Global Warming Claims: Will Things Heat Up for General Liability Insurers?** *The Brief, American Bar Association, Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section*, 41(3), 14-25. Featured and Cover Article.

**NATO and the Balkans: An International Lawyer's Viewpoint.** 7 *Loyola Forum of International Law*, 1 (Dec. 1999).

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Illinois Supreme Court (1994)

State Bar of Texas (2019)

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana

U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin

Chicago Bar Association

Illinois Bar Association

American Bar Association

Austin Bar Association

## MEDIATION TRAINING

Illinois State Bar Association 40-hour Mediation/Arbitration Training

Conflict Rescue: Four Hour Texas-Specific Mediation Training in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Mediator Credentialing Association ("TMCA")

Austin Dispute Resolution Center: 30-Hour Family Training per the Texas Mediation Trainers Roundtable ("TMTR")