

2016 Dispute Resolution Center Annual Conference Award Recipient

Mr. Nichols has been a Florida Supreme Court Certified County Mediator since September 27, 2002. He immediately began serving the citizens of Florida as a volunteer in the First Judicial Circuit's small claims court program. In May 2005 he expanded his service to the Florida state court system by becoming an assistant trainer and then a primary trainer the following year. Mr. Nichols also completed The Dispute Resolution Center's Florida Supreme Court Certified Arbitration Training in 2005.

As a mediation ethics Trainer, Mr. Nichols has lead local advanced CME classes in his circuit and has been called upon by the DRC to conduct workshops at our annual conferences. In addition to Mr. Nichols' sessions on ethics and adult learning techniques for current mediators, by providing required role play critiques during mediation training Mr. Nichols has shared his expertise in ADR with new mediators.

Prior to his dedication to the mission of ADR in Florida, Mr. Nichols completed mediation and conflict management skills training at the Justice Center of Atlanta, Georgia. On a personal note, Mr. Nichols is famously known as "The Maestro of Music" in his city; he is also a lover of cultural and fine arts. As a member of the MEAC from 2008 until 2016, the Florida state court system is grateful for Mr. Nichols' eight years of service to the DRC and his continued commitment to the tenets of ADR!



Susan C. Marvin, Acting Chief of ADR, with award recipient Mr. Mike Nichols