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Practice

Vince Fornias, a bilingual Cuban-American, has participated in over 2,000 mediations and scores of arbitrations. He was engaged for almost 30 years in an active litigation practice (over 100 trials) as a partner of Kantrow, Spaht, Weaver & Blitzer of Baton Rouge in the areas of casualty, products liability, governmental liability, and insurance law. He has written in numerous legal publications, including the authoring of a chapter in "Louisiana Civil Trial Procedure." He has also lectured extensively in the fields of litigation, mediation, negotiation and ethics in numerous Continuing Legal Education programs and law school settings, including the LSBA, LSU Law Center, Tulane University Law Center, Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel, Baton Rouge Bar Association, and National Business Institute, Inc.

Education

Jesuit (New Orleans) High School (Valedictorian), (1971);
Louisiana State University, B.A., (Metro New Orleans Valedictorian), (1974);
J.D., LSU Law Center, (Order of the Coif), 1977.

Memberships/Affiliations

Charter member: LSU Law Center Alumni Board of Directors;
Elected member: Louisiana State Bar Association House of Delegates, 19th Judicial District (1992-2007);
Member: LSBA Lawyer Dispute Resolution Program (1999-2007); Member and chair of hearing committee, Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board (2000-2005).

Recognition

Selected to The Best Lawyers in America ®, as chosen by his peers, in the field of Alternative Dispute Resolution; Achieved the highest rating ("AV") by Martindale-Hubbell legal directory, as evaluated by his peers; LSBA's Stephen T. Victory Award, 1996; Baton Rouge Bar Association President's Award, 1998 and 2006; LSU Law Center Hall of Fame.