

# JAG Barr



After graduating Phi Beta Kappa from Newcomb College of Tulane University, **Robbie Barr** received her Juris Doctorate from the University of Miami School of Law, where she was an editor of the Law Review. For over a decade in private practice, she tried complex civil cases, developing special expertise in commercial torts, real estate litigation, professional malpractice, construction disputes and all types of contractual claims.

Barr's professionalism, trial skills and volunteer work in the Dade County Bar Association garnered her both local and national recognition. In 1990, she became a Circuit Judge in Dade County, a court of general jurisdiction with the nation's third largest trial docket. She served in the dependency and in the criminal division, where she became the Associate Administrative Judge, before leaving to serve in the civil division. In addition to her civil docket, Barr was handling 2,300 asbestos cases, which resulted in a 95% settlement rate.

Barr has an abiding commitment to improving the court system, the profession, and the judiciary. She served by appointment on the Florida Bar Association's Judicial Administration, Selection and Tenure Committee and actively participated in the Eugene P. Spellman Inn of Court. She attended and continues to teach at national and regional programs of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy. She has also taught both pretrial and trial skills as an adjunct professor at the University of Miami Law School. She frequently makes presentations at local law schools and bar associations. Her colleagues chose her to chair the Education Section of the Conference of Circuit Judges, which provides biannual continuing education for Florida's 450 Circuit Judges. A faculty member of Florida's New Judges College as well as the College of Advanced Judicial Studies, Robbie Barr was selected by the Florida Chief Justice to serve on the Court Education Council. In addition, Barr served as an appellate judge both in the Circuit Court's Appellate Division and by invitation as an Associate Judge in the District Court of Appeal. She is a member of both the Colorado Bar and the Florida Bar.

Robbie Barr recently participated as a guest instructor at the 2004 Colorado Judicial Conference, assisting trial judges to improve their mediation techniques and strategies.

Since joining JAG in 1997, Barr has had the opportunity to utilize her extensive trial experience in resolving complex commercial cases including construction, environmental, employment and professional malpractice claims.