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## EDUCATION

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- JD Vanderbilt University School of Law, Nashville, Tennessee, 1989.  
Associate Editor, *Vanderbilt Law Review*, 1988–1989.  
Recipient, Vanderbilt Law Review Note Award, 1989, for published note  
in the *Vanderbilt Law Review*, 41 VAND. L. REV. 1323 (1988).
- MA Yale Divinity School, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, 1986.
- BS Political Science, The Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida, 1983.

## FEDERAL SPECIAL MASTERSHIPS AND COURT EXPERT WITNESS APPOINTMENTS, SELECTED MEDIATIONS, AND SELECTED GENERAL WORK EXPERIENCE

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**SPECIAL MASTER.** *United States v. EcoVest Capital, Inc., et al.*, Civil Action № 1:18-cv-5774, United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, (2018). (Tax Enforcement, Challenge to Conservation Easement Syndicates, Disgorgement).

**SPECIAL MASTER.** *Johnson, et al. v. 3M Company*, Civil Action № 4:20-cv-008, United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, (2020). (Class Action, Discharge of Chemicals into Waterways).

**SPECIAL MASTER.** *SavaSerniorCare, LLC, v. Starr Indemnity and Liability Co., and Aspen American Insurance Co.*, Civil Action № 1:18-cv-1991, United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, (2018). (Insurance Coverage).

**SPECIAL MASTER.** *Atlantic Recording Corporation, et al., v. Spinrilla, LLC, et al.*, Civil Action № 1:17-cv-431, United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, (2017). (Copyright Infringement).

**SPECIAL MASTER.** *Hereford, et al., and United States v. Huntsville Board of Education, et al.*, Civil Action № 5:63-cv-109, United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama, (1963). (Class Action, School Desegregation, Decree Implementation).

**SPECIAL MASTER.** *United Steelworkers of America, et al. v. Pirelli Tire, LLC.*, Civil Action № 3:04-0195, United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee, (2009). (Class Action, ERISA, Retiree Medical Benefits).

**SPECIAL MASTER.** *Reynolds v. State of Alabama, ALDOT, et al.*, Civil Action № 85-T-665, United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama, (1985). (Class Action, Title VII, Employment).

**SPECIAL MASTER.** *In re: Carpet Patent Infringement Cases*, Civil Actions № 4:05-cv-133, 4:05-cv-189, 4:05-cv-190, and 4:05-cv-191, United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, (2005). (Willful Infringement, Enablement, Lost Profits, and Indefiniteness).

**SPECIAL MASTER.** *Geier, and United States v. State of Tennessee, et al.*, Civil Action № 68-5077, United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee, (1968). (Class Action, Title VI, Higher Education Reform).

**SPECIAL MASTER.** *Knight, et al., and United States v. State of Alabama, et al.*, № Civil Action № 83-1667, United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama, (1983). (Class Action, Title VI, Higher Education Reform).

**COURT-APPOINTED EXPERT WITNESS.** *Hereford and United States v. Huntsville Board of Education, et al.*, Civil Action № 5:63-cv-109, United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama, (1963). Appointed by Judge Madeline Hughes Haikala. (Testimony on Best Practices for Remedial Decree Implementation and Oversight).

**MEDIATOR.** *Rieves, et al. v. Rutherford County, et al.*, Civil Action № 3:18-cv-965, United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee, (2018). (Violation of Equal Protection Clause and Conspiracy to Violate Fourth Amendment).

**MEDIATOR.** *McNeil v. Giles County*, Civil Action № 1:18-cv-33, United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee, (2018). (Class Action, Constitutional Challenge to Privately Administered Probation Supervision System, RICO).

**MEDIATOR.** *Williams v. Fulton County School District, et al.*, Civil Action № 1:14-cv-269, United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, (2016). (Special Education, ADA and Section 504 Rehabilitation Act).

- MEDIATOR.** *Fortson, et al. v. Durham School Services, LP, et al.*, Civil Action № 17-C-530 Division II, Circuit Court of Tennessee for the Eleventh Judicial District at Hamilton County, (2017). (Catastrophic Personal Injury).
- MEDIATOR.** *Muhammad v. Methodist Healthcare—Memphis Hospitals*, Civil Action № CT-3030-17 Division VII, Circuit Court of Tennessee for the Thirtieth Judicial District, (2017). (Medical Malpractice).
- MEDIATOR.** *Glock, Inc. v. The Wuster*, Civil Action № 1:14-cv-568, United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, (2015). (Trademark and Trade Dress Infringement).
- MEDIATOR.** *Kaazar Capital Partners, LTD v. Backtrac Technologies, LLC*, Civil Action № 1:17-cv-2721, United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, (2017). (International Gold Contract).
- MEDIATOR.** *In re Mediation Investment Advisory Firm and Asset Management Firm*, Nashville, Tennessee, (2018). (Breach of Contract).
- MEDIATOR.** *Geerts v. Rutherford County*, Civil Action № 3:17-cv-1014, United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee, (2017). (Class Action, Constitutional Challenge to Juvenile Detention and Pretrial Detention Practices).
- MEDIATOR.** *Hall, et al., v. Stine Seed, et al.*, Civil Action № 2:18-cv-2265, United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee, (2018). (RICO, Breach of Contract, Race Discrimination, Fraud).
- MEDIATOR.** *Perry, Administratrix for the Estate of Kevin Sellars v. Fulton County School District*, Civil Action № 1:16-cv-2596, United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, (2016). (Wrongful Death, ADA and Section 504 Rehabilitation Act).
- MEDIATOR.** *Williams v. Marriott International, Inc.*, Civil Action № 1:15-cv-659, United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, (2015). (Tort Claims).
- MEDIATOR.** *Mid-America Apartments, LP. v. Fluid Dynamics Holdings, LLC, et al.* Civil Action № 2:17-cv-2621, United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee, (2017). (Multi-million-dollar Interpleader Action).
- MEDIATOR.** *Green v. Jacksonville State University, et al.*, Civil Action № 1:16-cv-1047, United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama, (2016). (Title VI Racial Discrimination).

**MEDIATOR.** *Rodriguez v. Providence Community Corrections, Inc., and Rutherford County, et al.*, Civil Action № 3:15-cv-1048, United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee, (2015). (Class Action, Constitutional and RICO Challenge to Privately Administered Probation Supervision System).

**MEDIATOR.** *Burr v. Dollar General Corp.*, Civil Action № C7-728-06, Circuit Court Shelby County, Tennessee, (2006). (Termination of Executive Officer).

**MEDIATOR.** *In re: SeniorTrust of Florida, Inc., et al., ElderTrust of Florida, Inc., et al., National Health Investors, Inc., National Healthcare Corporation, and State of Tennessee Litigation*, Civil Actions № 13-60-IV and 12-1275-II, Chancery Court for Davidson County, Tennessee, (2012). (Sale and Transfer of Nursing Homes Between For-profit and Nonprofit Corporations).

**MEDIATOR.** *Fisher and Mendoza, et al., and The United States v. Tucson Unified School District, No. One*, Civil Actions № 74-90, 74-204, United States District Court for the District of Arizona, (1974). (Class Action, School Desegregation, Development of Unitary Status Plan).

**MEDIATOR.** *Enterprise Vending Group, LLC v. Coca-Cola Enterprises, Inc.*, Civil Action № 09-1-06510-33, Superior Court Cobb County Georgia, (2009). (Contract Dispute).

**MEDIATOR.** *Trull v. Mark IV Industries, Inc., et al.*, Civil Action № 1:02-cv-243, United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina, (2002). (Class Action, ERISA, Retiree Medical Benefits).

**MEDIATOR.** *In Re: Polypropylene and Nylon Carpet Antitrust Litigation*, MDL Docket № 1075, United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, (2002). (Class Action, Price Fixing).

**ADJUNCT PROFESSOR OF LAW.** Vanderbilt University School of Law, Nashville, Tennessee. Course title: “Federal Court Oversight of Institutional Reform Litigation.”

**ARBITRATOR.** Permanent Panel, CBA, Kroger Co., and UFCW Local 1995.

**FOUNDING PRINCIPAL.** The González Firm, LLC, Atlanta, Georgia, (1993).

**ATTORNEY.** Rogers & Hardin, Atlanta, Georgia, 1991–1993.

**JUDICIAL CLERK.** The Hon. Harold L. Murphy, United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, 1989–1991.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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- C. A. González, “Special Masters Can Help Overloaded Courts Amid COVID-19,” *Daily Report*, April 27, 2020.
- C. A. González, “A Long Journey to Justice: The Story of the ‘Geier’ Case and the Desegregation of Tennessee Higher Education,” *Tennessee Bar Journal*, December 2017.
- C. A. González, “A Primer on Predispute Employment Arbitration Agreements,” *Georgia Bar Journal*, August 2014.
- C. A. González, Op-Ed, “In the Courts, an Imperfect Solution to Segregation’s Long Shadow,” *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, April 14, 2014.
- C. A. González, “Standards of Proof in Section 274B of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986,” *Vanderbilt Law Review*, 41 VAND. L. REV. 1323 (1988).

## **COURT ADMISSIONS**

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Supreme Court of the United States

United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia

United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia

All Trial and Appellate Courts of Georgia

## **DIRECTORSHIPS, RECOGNITIONS, AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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President, Academy Of Court-Appointed Masters

Chairman Of The Board, The Source For Learning

Board Of Visitors, Berry College

AV Preeminent Rating, Martindale-Hubbell (5 out of 5)

Academy Of Court-Appointed Masters Kenneth R. Feinberg Pro Bono Award

State Bar Of Georgia

Georgia Hispanic Bar Association

## **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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Mr. González lives in Atlanta, Georgia, with his wife, Marilyn. They have two sons, Matthew and Jordan. Mr. González was born in Havana, Cuba, and as an infant immigrated to the United States with his family settling in Rome, Georgia, where he spent his formative years. Mr. González became a United States citizen in December 1969.

## **REFERENCES**

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Comments from judges and lawyers on Mr. Gonzalez's work as a special master and mediator can be found [here](#).

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