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Joseph Farina, esteemed neutral and retired chief judge of Florida's largest circuit, joins ACEDS Advisory Board

Miami – The [Association of Certified E-Discovery Specialists](http://www.aceds.org) today announced the appointment to its Advisory Board of Judge Joseph Farina, an arbitrator, mediator and special master at JAMS, in Miami, and retired Chief Judge of Florida's 11th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida.

Mr. Farina, highly regarded as an effective and active settlement judge who handled more than 3,500 cases, supervised operations of the Miami-Dade Court System from 1995 to 2009. That network of courts is among the largest in the country, and is comprised of 123 judges and more than 500 administrative staff.

Bringing to the ACEDS Advisory Board a sterling resume that includes numerous awards for professionalism and leadership from organizations across the country, he was consistently recognized as a top judge by bar association polls during his 30 years on the bench. He presided over complex business and financial disputes, class actions, and liabilities claims while handling the asbestos and Chinese drywall calendars.

Previously, he served as Administrative Judge for the 11th Circuit Criminal Division and, before that, as the mayor of Miami Shores.

"Judge Farina is a beacon of professionalism in the legal community, and has

established a reputation for honesty, charity and class that few others can boast,” said Mathew Baum, ACEDS Executive Vice President. “He brings a unique perspective to the ACEDS Advisory Board, and we are proud to welcome him as a key figure in guiding the training and knowledge we provide to our members.”

ACEDS Advisory Board includes diverse group of seasoned experts

Mr. Farina joins a distinguished group of experts on the ACEDS Advisory Board who hold a variety of positions in the widespread e-discovery field. They include a former president of the American Bar Association, a former Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court, and a member of the Federal Civil Rules Advisory Committee.

The ACEDS Advisory Board is led by Chairman **Alvin Lindsay**, a partner at Hogan Lovells in Miami. Other members include **John Barkett**, partner at Shook, Hardy & Bacon and a member of the Federal Civil Rules Advisory Committee; Carnival Corporation General Counsel **Arnaldo Perez**; and **Kimarie Stratos**, Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Memorial Healthcare System. For information on the entire Advisory Board, visit aceds.org.

About ACEDS

[ACEDS](http://aceds.org) is an international membership organization for private and public sector persons in law, litigation support, technology, and records management, and others who face e-discovery in their work. ACEDS awards the Certified E-Discovery Specialist (CEDS) credential to eligible candidates who pass a rigorous proctored examination that they can take at 600 secure ACEDS-Kryterion Testing Centers worldwide. It has CEDS professionals on four continents, and also offers live and online training, specialized information and community and network-building events.

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