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# SUMMARY BIOGRAPHICAL BACKGROUND

## MR. GILBERT K. SQUIRES IS:

A GLOBAL MULTICULTURAL INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATOR AND MEDIATOR - MULTILINGUAL - MULTIDISCIPLINARY SERVANT LEADER, BOARD CERTIFIED SPECIALIST INTERNATIONAL LAW, BOARD CERTIFIED SPECIALIST INTERNATIONAL LITIGATION & ARBITRATION, BUSINESS AND LITIGATION, AND APPELLATE ATTORNEY, ZOOM COMFORTABLE AND PROFICIENT ARBITRATOR, MEDIATOR, AND SPECIAL MAGISTRATE OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH. REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL PETROLEUM ENGINEER. INSIDE-OUTSIDE GENERAL COUNSEL. MANAGING MEMBER OF SQUIRES INTERNATIONAL LAW, PLLC. PAST- 103<sup>RD</sup> ('19-'20) PRESIDENT OF THE MIAMI-DADE (COUNTY) BAR ASSOCIATION, FORMER 62<sup>ND</sup> ('09-'10) PRESIDENT OF THE MIAMI BEACH BAR ASSOCIATION. FORMER PRESIDENT OF CONOCO MEXICO, LTD., IN MÉXICO, D.F. ONE-TIME DIRECTOR OF CONTENT MANAGEMENT FOR UNIVERSAL MUSIC – LATIN AMERICA BLENDING TECHNOLOGY, BUSINESS, AND LAW.

## General and Certifications

Squires has lived and worked globally, including living based in Brazil, Indonesia, Mexico, and The Netherlands. An Afro-Hispanic dual United States of America and Republic of Panama Citizen, Squires is a native Spanish speaker, fully bilingual to English, and fluent in Portuguese, French, and Italian. Squires is a Fellow of the College of Commercial Arbitrators ("CCA") and a Diplomate in International Arbitration Chartered Institute of Arbitrators ("CIArb"). Fellow of the Florida and National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals. GoldmanSachs 10,000 Small Business Alumnus.

#### <u>Admissions</u>

Admitted in FL, DC, NY, the Supreme Court of the United States, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Circuits, Bankruptcy, and other Federal Courts, Texas Professional Engineer. Board-Certified Specialist in International Law and Board-Certified Specialist in International Litigation & Arbitration.

## Professional, Arbitration, Mediation, Business, and Legal Background

For nearly twenty years, Arbitrator Squires has served on the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") and International Centre for Dispute Resolution's ("ICDR") Roster of Complex Business, Energy, Oil & Gas, Construction, and Maritime Arbitrators. He has been called upon to serve as ICDR Emergency Interim Measures Arbitrator and Joinder Arbitrator. He has served as sole arbitrator, tribunal chair, and tribunal wing. Also, he has worked as an advocate on ICC, AAA, and ICDR and as a Tribunal Expert on ICC matters. Those multimillion-dollar arbitrations have involved: Upstream and Downstream Oil & Gas, Aviation, Technology, Wind Power, Aviation, Thermal Power, Maritime Construction, Energy Construction, Solar Energy, Internet and Cellular Technology, Banking, Hospitality, Music.

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Also, Mr. Squires has been called on to mediate complex commercial, domestic and international matters. Real estate, music, entertainment business, civil service (municipal and fire service) mediations. He has lectured and served as faculty on the United Nations Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation — The Singapore Convention. He serves as faculty for Domestic, International, Maritime, Commercial, Energy, International Complex Business, and Construction Arbitration and Law Programs. Probate Arbitrator. Co-Founding member of the Miami International Arbitration Society ("MIAS").

Squires' Legal Representation: Rich experience with domestic and international corporations, individuals, and foreign governments in business, realestate (including as a former title agent with Attorney's Title), 1031 exchanges; US company with international business mezzanine SBA loans' negotiations; international aviation contracts, international aviation contract litigation in federal courts and ICC arbitrations, including Argentine "Concurso" (restructuring); African country ports' and gasoline station contract negotiations; international personal injury litigation and mediation, upstream oil & gas personal injury litigation, probate, probate litigation, guardianship, foreclosure litigation, international banking litigation, international defamation litigation, state and federal court litigation, arbitrations, appellate and appellate litigation; cross-border business litigation; cross-border bankruptcy litigation — Chapter 15, assignment for the benefit of creditors litigation; Receiver.

Oil & Gas and Music-Technology: The former President of Conoco Mexico, Ltd. ('94-'96), an out-of-country affiliate of, now, ConocoPhillips, he was based in Mexico City, Mexico. Mr. Squires is a Texas Registered Professional (Petroleum) Engineer who, in 1980, began his career as an Offshore Drilling Engineer for Exxon (now ExxonMobil). At Exxon, he designed and implemented complex production drilling, completion, testing, and work-over plans. Squires planned and supervised platform mobilization and demobilization plans, including plugging-and-abandonment programs. Also, he designed and managed deep and ultra-deep-water exploration plans. He led and worked in multidisciplinary exploration teams: oil and gas platform construction and installation.

Additional Professional Experience and Academic Background: Squires attended Law School at night while working and professionally advancing at Conoco. He earned a Juris Doctor from Oklahoma City University School of Law (1993 — completed at night at the University of Houston Law Center). Additionally, he received a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Texas A&M University (1980). In 1984, Conoco recruited Squires from Exxon. At Conoco, he worked in domestic engineering, operations, leadership roles, including asset acquisitions and dispositions. Company representative in upstream and construction arbitrations. Former Chief-of-Staff for the Worldwide Group Vice-President of Production Engineering and Research, before promotions to Assistant Manager of Global Acquisitions and New Ventures leadership for the Asia-Pacific-Latin America-Middle East regions, along with postings in Indonesia,

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the Netherlands, Brazil, and special projects in Scandinavia. Developed and ran alternative and renewable energy projects. Managed general construction projects, major structures, and oil and gas projects (Natural Gas Processing Plant, Natural Gas Pipeline, Take or Pay, Oil & Gas Platform Design and Installation, Oil & Gas Platform Decommissioning, Oil & Gas Platform Abandonment, and Removal). He has led international acquisitions and dispositions teams. In the late 1990s, as Universal Music's Director of Content Management in Latin America, he set up and organized the organizations for Universal Music Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico, and other smaller labels. The position blended legal affairs, publishing, and digital technologies involving digitization of audio, video, graphic, and text files. International business, energy, and technology consulting.

Mr. Squires distinguishes his successful career by professional depth, personal and professional diversity, and exemplary service to the profession. Also, he serves the Florida Bar on the International Litigation and Arbitration Certification Committee, and Florida Bar Foreign Legal Consultant Certification Committee, is a member Executive Council of the ADR Section, Volunteer Fee Dispute Arbitrator, and previously on FLABAR Vision 2016, and Vice-Chair of a Grievance Committee in the the 11th Judicial Circuit in and for Miami-Dade County Florida. Past Chair, Miami Beach Community Relations Board and Past Regional Anti-Defamation League Lay-Leadership.

### Additional Information

He is a thought leader and influencer, a frequent guest on international radio and television on topics of Business, International Law, Oil & Gas, Arbitration, and Dispute Resolution. An avid chess player and Yoga practitioner, Squires is a Tomiki Ryu Aikido Roku Dan (6th Degree Black Belt) who's learned and practiced Martial Arts worldwide for over fifty years. Throughout his life, Gilbert mentors students and professionals globally. Recognized Super Lawyer, Florida Legal Elite, Top 100 Bet the Company Litigator, previously in the Top 25 Alternative Dispute Resolution Firms, *Pro Bono* Small Firm Award. Oklahoma City University School of Law, 2014 Distinguished Alumnus. Temple Adath Or 2017 Person of Distinction.