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Michael Botnick is a member of the firm Gordon, Arata, McCollam, Duplantis & Egan, L.L.C. He has more than 35 years of experience in commercial litigation with an extensive and comprehensive focus on handling construction law matters and disputes. His practice also encompasses transactions, real estate, contracts, corporate law, and trusts and estates. From 1988-2003, he served in various prominent legal roles for the City of New Orleans and oversaw many negotiations and preparations of contracts for the city. He is AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell and has been named to *Chambers USA*, *Louisiana Super Lawyers* and *New Orleans Magazine* "Top Lawyers." He received his JD degree in 1975 from Tulane University Law School.

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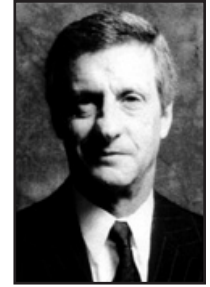
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- ▶ **Civil Mediator Registry:** La. R.S. 9:4106.
- ▶ **Child Custody and Visitation Registry:** La. R.S. 9:334.
- ▶ **Juvenile Mediator Registry:** Louisiana Children's Code Art. 439.

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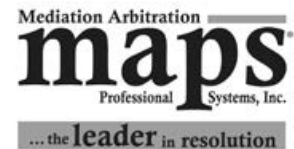
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