

# Cedar R. Abadie, Esq.

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Cedar has forged a national footprint in the trucking litigation world by prioritizing respectful and productive relationships with individual plaintiffs and their counsel, as well as trucking industry peers, defense counsel, and insurers. Over the last decade, she has risen to the top of two trucking companies' claims structures by challenging old paradigms and reaching across divides. Now, she turns that same relentless attention and innovation to a national mediation practice focused on trucking cases. As these cases become more complex and the values skyrocket, a new level of proactive support by a neutral is increasingly required.

Most recently, Cedar served as Vice President of Claims & Litigation for Knight-Swift and its affiliated motor carriers, the nation's largest for-hire motor carrier conglomerate. She self-handled the organization's most serious claims, personally meeting with claimants and their attorneys from coast to coast, and managed a large SIR and excess insurance tower. She oversaw personnel handling all claims at every level, directing and evaluating cases in all 48 states, Canada, and Mexico.

Prior to Knight-Swift, Cedar was general counsel for a smaller regional carrier. Working for a smaller carrier served as an immersive introduction to the trucking industry, providing a tremendous education in the nuts and bolts of trucking outside of the claims-specific silo. Along the way, Cedar obtained her CDL permit and did on-road training behind the wheel of a sleeper with a 53' trailer.

Before finding her niche in trucking, Cedar was a solo practitioner, practicing general commercial litigation and corporate governance on both the plaintiff and defense sides. Between 2003 and 2009, Cedar practiced with several BigLaw firms in their products liability defense groups. During this time, she completed the 40-hour mediator training and performed hundreds of pro bono mediations in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area.

Throughout college and law school, Cedar worked for plaintiffs' firms in Florida and the Minneapolis/St. Paul market as a legal assistant, forging relationships built on mutual admiration that continue today.

Cedar is currently admitted to practice in Minnesota (active), Colorado (inactive), and Ohio (inactive). She lives in Phoenix, Arizona, with her fiancé and a very spoiled dog.



## CURRENT

**Iron Resolution Services, LLC**  
[www.ironresolutionsvc.com](http://www.ironresolutionsvc.com)  
651-206-9588  
*Available for mediations October 1*

## PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

**Knight-Swift Transportation Holdings, Inc. (KNX)** 2020 – 2024  
*Vice President of Claims & Litigation*

**Dart Transit Company** 2014 – 2020  
*General Counsel*

**Solo Practice (St. Paul, MN)** 2009 – 2014

**BigLaw Firms** 2003 – 2009

- *Lindquist & Vennum PLLP (Minneapolis)*
- *Snell & Wilmer (Denver)*
- *Jones Day (Cleveland)*

## EDUCATION

**JD, University of Minnesota** 2003  
*Summa Cum Laude, Order of the Coif*

**BA, University of Florida** 1999  
*Cum Laude, English*