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Wayne, New Jersey



**Current Employer-Title** 

Williams Caliri, Miller & Otley - Of Counsel

Profession

Retired Judge, Attorney, Arbitrator, Mediator

**Work History** 

Of Counsel, Williams Caliri Miller & Otley, 2007 – Present; Judge, Superior Court of New Jersey, 1980 – 2007; Presiding Judge Chancery, General Equity Passaic, 2006 – 2007Judge, Superior Court of New Jersey Appellate Division, 1994 – 1997 & 2006 – 2007; Assignment Judge, Superior Court of New Jersey Essex County, 1990 – 1994; Assignment Judge, Superior Court of New Jersey Hudson County, 1983 – 1990.

Law Clerk Judge Richard Hartshorne, U.S. District Court New Jersey; Deputy Attorney General State of New Jersey; Prosecutor of Passaic County; Special Prosecutor, appointed by New Jersey Supreme Court to investigate and prosecute corruption in Municipal Court; Adjunct Professor, Seton Hall and Rutgers Law Schools; Associate, Carpenter Bennett and Morrissey; Partner, Hoffmann and Humphreys; Of Counsel, Bray Chiocca Rappaport and Rothstadt.

### Experience

Judicial service and private law practice in a wide range of commercial cases including employment disputes at both trial and appellate level. Litigated and presided over many complex cases in all areas of the law, and conducted thousands of settlement conferences.

Specially designated by the Chief Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court to handle environmental cases, wire tap cases and land use cases involving affordable housing. Chaired and served as a member of numerous Supreme Court committees including Alternate Dispute Resolution Committee.

### **Mediator Experience**

Mediator in hundreds of single and multiparty cases after judicial retirement in 2007. Achieved a 90% success rate. Representative parties included Fortune 100 and 500 companies and involved millions of dollars.

Member of New Jersey Superior Court Panel of Mediators. Member of United States District Court Panel of Mediators. At present about 60% of practice is serving as a mediator.

### **Representative Issues**

Shippers' liability under UCC, guarantors' liability, various contract claims, sexual harassment in

### Handled as a Mediator

employment, product liability, workplace injuries, construction claims, lender liability, Wills and Estates, asbestos and other environmental claims and personal injury and property damage torts.

# **Preferences**

Mediator Style & Process Mediation is a very worthwhile method of resolving disputes. This is especially true in certain type of cases, e.g. sexual harassment in employment cases. See my article on this subject in the New Jersey Law Journal, March 31, 2008.

> A mediator must not be intrusive and must let counsel and the parties fully air their positions and arguments. However, a mediator must also be pro-active. Counsel and the parties are interested in and often persuaded by opinions of a mediator who has had extensive litigation and alternate dispute resolution experience as a lawyer and a judge.

### **Education**

Temple University Law School (LLB) Dickinson College (BA).

### **Professional Licenses**

Admitted to the Bar: New Jersey, 1954; U.S. District Court: District of New Jersey; U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit; U.S. Supreme Court.

Professional Associations American Bar Association (Fellow); Federal Bar Association; New Jersey State Bar Association (Past Chair, Section on Creditor-Debtor Rights and Bankruptcy,) U.S. Supreme Court Historical Society; Supreme Court Justice Garibaldi Alternate Dispute Resolution Inn of Court; Passaic County Legal Aid Society (Past Board of Trustees); New Jersey Institute Continuing Legal Education, (Past Board of Trustees); New Jersey Supreme Court (Judicial Evaluation Committee, Commissioner).

> OTHER: New Jersey Organized Crime Policy Board (Past Chair); Attorney General and County Prosecutor Task Force on Organized Crime (Past Co-Chair); Committee to Improve Newark Municipal Court (Past Co-Chair).

## **Recent Publications & Speaking Engagements**

PUBLICATIONS: "Advantages of Mediation in Sexual Harassment Cases." NEW JERSEY LAW JOURNAL, March 2008. "Taking Control," AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION JOURNAL, April 1994. "Discovery Forever, Trial Never," CORPORATE LAW, American Bar Association. Articles published in Law Reviews of the Seton Hall Law School and the University of Temple Law School on various subjects. Numerous editorials in the New Jersey Law Journal as a member of the Editorial Board of the New Jersey Law Journal. Articles in County Bar Association publications including a monthly column in the. Essex County Bar Association magazine while Assignment Judge of the Essex Vicinage. Numerous published opinions while Judge of the New Jersey Superior Court, especially during four years service on the New Jersey Superior Court Appellate Division.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS: Numerous speaking engagements including address at the American Bar Association's Annual Meeting in 1994 on how to expedite the disposition of litigation and still afford justice, and numerous lectures on judicial and legal subjects.

**Mediation Rate** 

\$450 Per Hour

Languages

English

Citizenship

United States of America

Locale

Wayne, NJ

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