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New York, New York



Professional Summary

More than 35 years of experience as the senior mediator for the New York State unified court system. Developed and trademarked the New York State Supreme Court unique and award-winning mediation program and mediated more than 6,500 commercial and civil disputes.

Profession

Attorney; Mediator

Work History

Independent Mediator, 2023-Present; Senior Mediator/Senior Settlement Coordinator, New York Supreme Court, 2014-2023; Court Attorney/Mediator, New York State Supreme Court, 1989-2014; Court Attorney/Mediator, New York City Housing Court, 1988-1989.

Experience

Having mediated more than 6,500 cases for the New York State courts and in private practice, extensive experience in such areas as premises liability and construction, labor law, personal injury, insurance coverage, malpractice, product liability, commercial litigation, employment law, partnership, and family business.

Mediator Experience

Mediated more than 6,500 cases for the New York State courts and in private practice. Established the widely acclaimed mediation non-jury (Med-NJ) program for the New York State Supreme Court - served 60 Supreme Court judges in New York City and their staff, providing mediation strategy, counsel, and mentorship. Especially skilled at multi-party mediations where exceptional case research ethic is thoroughly applied to each party.

Representative Issues Handled as a Mediator

Contract disputes, premises liability construction, labor law, personal injury, insurance coverage, malpractice, product liability, commercial litigation, employment law, partnership, and family business.

Mediator Style & Process Preferences

While working at the New York County Supreme Court, developed the R.A.I.S.E. method which allows parties to change their mindset from adversarial to advocative by recognizing their feelings, actively listening, and acknowledging their adversary's position. By actively listening and acknowledging what the opposing side is stating, parties can adapt their mindset to a collaborative mindset, empowering parties to investigate issues and gain insight into their own goals and interests. When parties understand their own goals and interests, they can set strategies, find solutions, and settle.

Technology Proficiency	Familiar with various online platforms (Zoom, Microsoft Teams, etc.) and willing to conduct mediations in-person, virtually, or hybrid formats.
Education	St. John's University School of Law (JD-1988); Baruch College (BA-1985).
Professional Licenses	Admitted to the Bar: New York (1988).
Professional Associations	Chief Judge Janet DiFiore's ADR Advisory Committee; New York Women's Bar Association; American Bar Association; Dispute Resolution Section, New York State Bar Association; New York City Bar, ADR Committee; Claims and Litigation Management Alliance; Family and Divorce Mediation Council of Greater New York; New York State Council on Divorce Mediation; New York Association of Collaborative Professionals; International Association of Collaborative Professionals.
Recent Publications & Speaking Engagements	Case Management & Settlement Conferencing, New York Judicial Institute (September 2023); Effective Mediation Advocacy: Key Skills for Lawyers at the Bargaining Table 3-Part Series, New York State Bar Association, Dispute Resolution Section (2021); "A Presumptive ADR Update: What Practitioners Need to Know," New York Women's Bar Association (September 2021); International ADR Training for Foreign Delegations, New York State Supreme Court (May/August 2017, 2018, 2019); "ADR Training for Personal Injury Cases," Bronx County Supreme Court (August 2019); "Change is Here: ADR and the NY Courts – The New Presumptive ADR Program," New York City Bar (2019); 3-Day Commercial Mediation Training, New York State Bar Association, Facilitator (2019); Publications: RAISE™ From Within: A Professional Mediator's Guide to Let Go of Stress, The Better Apart Blog, Aug. 9, 2022; The Hard Peace: Mediation in New York's Med-NJ Program, N.Y.L.J., Nov. 19, 2021, 1.
Mediation Rate	\$500 Per Hour
Languages	English
Citizenship	United States of America
Locale	New York, NY

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