

**United States Bankruptcy Court
Eastern District of New York**

Member of the Mediation Register

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I. Profession

Attorney admitted in NYS 1969;
Southern District and Eastern District, 1973; U.S. Supreme Court, 1978.

II. Professional Organizations

New York State Bar Association - member of Trusts & Estates; Elder Law Sections; Business Law Section (Partnership Sub-Committee); Commercial & Federal Litigation Section; Dispute Resolution Section (Vice Chair, 2 years; member of Executive Committee, 4 years)

New York County Lawyers Association - active member of several Committees - Supreme Court, Judiciary; Elder Law; Arbitration and ADR Committee (Chair, 4 years)

Member, American Bar Association (Dispute Resolution Section)

Member, N.J. Association of Professional Mediators

Member, New York Women's Bar Association (Co-Chair, Trusts & Estates Committee and Chair, ADR Committee and Member, Board of Directors)

Member, National Association of Women Lawyers (President, 1989-1990).

Member, Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR)

Member, N.Y.S. Dispute Resolution Association

Member, N.C. Bar Association

III. General Professional Experience:

General Practice; Probate, Wills Trusts & Estates; Guardianship; Partnerships & Corporations and disputes within closely held business; Employment Disputes.

IV. Experience and Familiarity with Bankruptcy Law:

Co-Chair and Moderator of CLE Program, "Mediation in Bankruptcy Proceedings",
New York County Lawyers Association, November 9, 2004.

Attended CLE Program (NYS Bar Assoc) on June 13, 2006 - Bankruptcy Practice Under the
New Code (7 CLE)

Handled two (2) Bankruptcy Mediation proceedings (Eastern District)

As part of my legal practice over the years, I've had contact with Bankruptcy
proceedings;

Taught courses in Business Law, which included sections on Bankruptcy Law;

V. Mediation Training:

I have completed over 300 hours of Mediation Training, including:

New York County Lawyers Association, Mediation Training Workshop for Commercial Division - ADR Neutral; 6/14-6/16/99, 24 hours.

Association of the Bar of the City of New York, Mediation Training, Conflict Resolution Theory & Techniques, 2/26-2/27/01; 3/5-3/6/01, 27 hours.

U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Mediation Training at the EEOC, January 20-21, 2005, 16 hrs.

Abrams Mediation & Negotiation (Co-Sponsored by Bankruptcy Courts), Advanced Negotiation & Mediation Skills Training, March 7-9, 2005, 24 hrs.

Center for Social Gerontology Ann Arbor, Michigan, Adult Guardian - Mediation Training, 6/2-6/5/01, 20 hours.

Columbia University School of Law Mediation Clinic for Safe Horizon Mediation Training Community Dispute Program, 9/13-9/14/02, 9/20-9/21/02, 30 hours; plus 12 weeks apprenticeship; Certified as Mediator in N.Y.S. by Safe Horizon.

The Center for Mediation in Law and CUNY Dispute Resolution Consortium, Advanced Mediation Training, 2/24-2/25/03, 14 hours.

Ackerman Institute for the Family, Family & Divorce Mediation, 1/17-1/18-1/19/04, 1/31-2/1/04, 40 hours

Center for Mediation in Law, Intensive Mediation Training, 4/28-5/2/04, 36 hours.

New Jersey Superior Court, Advanced Mediation Training, 8/12/04, 4 hours.

Mediation Inc. - Mediation training for Court Ordered Mediated Conferences in N.C., 1/25-29/06, 40 hrs; plus 6/10/06, 10 hrs. (50 hrs)

N.Y.S. Office of Court Administration, Advanced Mediation Training, 5/22/06, 4 hrs.

N.Y.S. Judicial Institute - OCA Advanced Mediation Training for Commercial Division, 4/15/08, 8 hrs.

Dispute Resolution Institute - Decision Tree Analysis for Mediators, 6/27-28/08, 13 hrs.

I have also attended many CLE Programs relating to Dispute Resolution, Arbitration and Mediation.

VI. Mediation Experience:

Mediator - Commercial Division Supreme Court, New York County, 1996 to present - all types of commercial disputes (corporations, partnerships, closely held business; contracts; insurance; and all other types of commercial disputes) in the Supreme Court.
Mediator - Commercial Division, Kings Co., Justice Demarest (major commercial dispute between 2 siblings regarding LLC's).
Mediator, New Jersey Superior Court - all types of cases in litigation including Business; contracts; employment; personal injury; malpractice; insurance; real estate; etc.
Mediator, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District and U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District.
Mediator, U.S. E.E.O.C. (Employment disputes)
Mediator, District Court, Eastern District
Mediator, District Court, Southern District
N.Y.C. Bar Association's Coop & Condo Mediation Roster
Mediator - Special Master, Appellate Division, 1st Department - Pre-Argument Appeals
Safe Horizon - (now known as N.Y. Peace Institute) Community Dispute Resolution Center (Manhattan & Brooklyn)
Mediator (and Arbitrator) - Attorney Fee Disputes at New York County Lawyers Association - all types of disputes regarding fees between an attorney and client involving all amounts, 1998 to date..
Have completed approx. 300 Mediations.

Have written articles on Mediation including:

"What Is Mediation and How Does It Work?", N.Y.L.J., October 29, 2007;
"What Is the Extent of Confidentiality in Mediation After Hausinger?" (Fall 2008)
"Should Mediation Be Available as an option to Reduce Litigation In Contested Guardianship Cases?" (NYS Bar Journal, June 2002);
"Utilizing Mediation to Resolve Estate Litigation" (Fall 2008)
"Incorporating Mediation Within the Guardian's Powers" (Fall 2008)
"Mediation and Estate Litigation" (Spring 2009)

Author of Chapter 26, "Mediation" in N.Y. Lawyers Deskbook (NYSBA, 2008 and updated each year)

VII. Area of Expertise:

Wills, Trusts; Probate; Estates & Guardianship; Partnerships, Corporations & Contracts; Shareholder and Closely held business disputes; Contracts; Employment Disputes

VIII. General Pertinent Business and Legal Experience:

Was a Tenured Full Professor of Law at Baruch College (C.U.N.Y.) 1978-1999 for 21 years. Taught in both the B.B.A. and M.B.A. Programs, courses on Contracts, Partnerships, and Corporations, also, U.C.C. and conducted several seminars on Business Law Topics (including Bankruptcy) for the Executive M.B.A. Program; am currently Professor Emeritus

Author, Chapter 1, "Corporate and Partnership Law", 1989 and revised each year, New York Lawyers Deskbook (N.Y.S. Bar Assoc.) (Currently Co-Author on updates)

Author, The Essentials of Partnership Law, (Kendall Hunt, Pub. Co.,)

Author, The Essentials of Corporation Law, (Kendall Hunt, Publ. Co., 2nd Ed. 1989).

Have written several articles on topics relating to Contracts, Partnerships, Negotiable Instruments and other law related topics

Have lectured at many CLE programs for several different Bar Associations over the years, including: New York State Bar Association, New York County Lawyers Assoc., and American Bar Assoc. on topics relating to "Forming and Operating a Closely Held Business" and "Buying and Selling a Small Business" and "Operating a Partnership"; and many other topics.

IX. Other Pertinent Information:

Moderator of Program, "Mediation Advocacy Skills", N.Y. County Lawyers Assoc., October 31, 2003.

Speaker at N.Y. Civil Court Mediation Program, "Make Talk Work" on Advantages of Mediation, October 21, 2004, also October 20, 2005

Co-Chair of N.Y.S. Bar Association Program for Annual Meeting January 27, 2005 on Ethics in ADR - Mediation and Arbitration.

Co-Chair of CLE program, "Breaking Impasse: From Stalemate to Settlement in Mediation", October 25, 2005 at New York County Lawyers Association.

Co-Chair and Moderator of CLE program, "Mediation in Bankruptcy Proceedings" (New York County Lawyers Association, November 9, 2004)

Co-Chair of Joint Fall Program of Dispute Resolution Section and Labor & Employment Section, (NYS Bar Association, October 2009)

N.Y. Liaison in arranging ABA Dispute Resolution Section Annual Meeting in N.Y.C., April 2009
As Chair of the Arbitration and ADR Committee at N.Y. County Lawyers Association for 4 years, was involved in many ADR related Committees and Sub-Committees with other organizations, and have attended many Mediation and other ADR programs.

Currently have very flexible schedule as to availability.

X. Fee Structure (Compensation and Expense Reimbursement):

\$400 per hour; per diem rate to be agreed upon; reduced rate (for consumer cases) are available where appropriate.

No Charge for local travel time or local travel expense.

XI. Pro Bono Preference - Brooklyn

Available for Service in Brooklyn Office.