

**INFORMATION FOR MEDIATION REGISTER**  
**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT**  
**EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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**I. Profession:**

Attorney/mediator-practice is devoted to commercial litigation and mediation of commercial disputes.

**II. Professional Organizations:**

**Courts – Date of Admission:**

New Jersey State Courts – November 1, 1966  
US District Court of NJ – November 1, 1966  
New York State Courts (Appellate Div, 1<sup>st</sup> Dep't) – April 1968  
US District Court, SDNY – 1968  
US District Court, EDNY – 1968  
US Court of Appeals, Second Circuit – 1971  
US Court of Appeals, Third Circuit – 1970  
US Court of Appeals, DC Circuit – January 7, 1974  
US Supreme Court – January 7, 1974

**Professional Organizations:**

New York State Bar Association – ADR Section, Mediation Committee  
New York City Bar Association – Ethics Committee  
New Jersey Bar Association – Dispute Resolution Section  
Federal Bar Association – SDNY Chapter

**III. General Professional Experience:**

Mr. Hollyer has extensive experience in the areas of Commercial Litigation, Mediation, Arbitration, Contract Negotiation and Attorney Ethics. Upon graduating from law school, he served as Law Secretary to a highly respected Judge in the New Jersey Superior Court, Essex County Chancery Division. Thereafter, Mr. Hollyer became associated with the litigation department of a large Manhattan law firm (Olwine Connelly Chase O'Donnell & Weyher) that practiced principally in the area of antitrust, securities and other high end commercial litigation.

Later, Mr. Hollyer was appointed as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey, where he did a wide range of litigation both on the trial and appellate levels. After approximately six years of practice, Mr. Hollyer established his own firm, and has continued to work in firms bearing his name for more than 25 years. During this period Mr. Hollyer has tried cases in both the State and Federal courts, and has engaged in a broad range of discovery and motion practice in those courts, as well as appeals. He has also participated in Alternative Dispute proceedings, both mediations and arbitrations, conducted through the American Arbitration Association, JAMS, and others.

In addition to his service to his clients over the years, Mr. Hollyer has spent a substantial amount of his professional time serving on numerous bar association committees relating to attorney ethics. He has served as a mediator and later as Chair of the Complaint Mediation Panel for the New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Department. He has also served as the Chair for the Special Committee on Procedures for Judicial Discipline for the New York State Bar Association. Mr. Hollyer has served two four year terms as a member of the New York State Bar Association's House of Delegates.

**iv. Experience and Familiarity With Bankruptcy Law:**

In his commercial litigation practice over the last 30 plus years Mr. Hollyer has frequently encountered bankruptcy issues in the litigations he was handling and on numerous occasions represented parties in bankruptcy adversary proceedings.

**v. Mediation Training:**

Mr. Hollyer has had extensive mediation training in programs given in conjunction with the Supreme Court, New York County, Commercial Division, the New Jersey Superior Court, and the New York and New Jersey State Bar Associations. He has been appointed to the Roster of Mediators for the Supreme Court, New York County, Commercial Division, the New Jersey Superior Court, Civil, General Equity and Probate, and the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. Mr. Hollyer is a member of the Mediation Committee of the Dispute Resolution Section of the New York State Bar Association, and the Dispute Resolution Section of the New Jersey State Bar Association. Mr. Hollyer is a member of the New York Chapter of the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals.

Mr. Hollyer has taken the following mediation courses over the last 3 years:

- 4/1 and 4/8/10 – Advanced Commercial Mediation – New York State Judicial Institute – Simeon Baum and Stephen Hochman -1 6 hours
- 5/15 – 5/17/10 – Dispute Resolution Training Program – NYSBA – Simeon Baum and Stephen Hochman - 24 hours
- 2/25/10 Mediation Career, Getting Started – NY City Bar – Nancy Kramer – 3 hours
- 5/21/10 - 2010 Annual Continuing Education Seminar for Mediators – Union County NJ Superior Court – Civil Division – 4.5 hours
- 3/15 – 3/17/11 – Dispute Resolution Commercial Mediation Training Program – NYSBA – Simeon Baum and Stephen Hochman – 16.5 hours

- 6/3/11 – 2011 Annual Continuing Education Seminar for Mediators – Union County NJ Superior Court – Civil Division – 5.5 hours
- 10/31/11 – NYSBA Dispute Resolution Section Fall Program: “ADR as a Solution to Judicial Gridlock” – 7 hours
- 4/11/11 – Refresher Training for Mediators – US District Court, SDNY – Margaret Shaw – 3 hours
- 1/26/12 – 2012 Annual Meeting: Dispute Resolution Section – NYSBA – 5 hours
- 3/14-3/15/12 – Dispute Resolution Training Program – NYSBA – Simeon Baum and Steven Hochman
- 4/24/12 – Understanding the Role of Reserves in Mediation – NJBA – Peter Scarpato and Lloyd F. George
- 5/21/12 – Basics of Mediating Trusts & Estates Disputes – NYSBA – 4 hours
- 6/8/12 – ADR Day XV – NJBA – 8.6 hours

#### **VI. Mediation Experience:**

During his commercial litigation practice over the last 30 plus years, Mr. Hollyer has participated in numerous ADR proceedings, both arbitrations and mediations, as an advocate representing clients. This included proceedings before the American Arbitration Association and JAMS. In the last 3 years, Mr. Hollyer has made a concerted effort to expand his practice to include service as a mediator in commercial disputes. In that period he has been involved as mediator in more than thirty mediations most involving court assignments by the Supreme Court New York County, Commercial Division, the New Jersey Superior Court and the US District Court for the Southern District of New York.

#### **VII. Area of Concentration:**

Mr. Hollyer’s area of concentration is litigation in the state and federal courts involving commercial and business disputes and the use of mediation to resolve said disputes.

#### **VIII. General Pertinent Business and Legal Experience:**

See section III above.

#### **IX. Other Pertinent Information (Education):**

Mr. Hollyer’s educational background is as follows:

- Williams College, Williamstown, MA – BA 1961
- Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University, Princeton NJ – MPA 1963
- Columbia Law School, New York, NY – LLB 1966

#### **X. Fee Structure:**

\$400 per hour for mediation sessions and preparation time. Alternative fee arrangements and pro bono service available in appropriate circumstances.

#### **XI. Pro Bono Preference:**

Brooklyn