

## **Robert J. Kheel, Esq.**

### **Employment History**

2010-present Self-employed attorney, mediator and arbitrator.  
1969-2010 Partner and associate in Litigation Department, Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP.  
1990-2016 Lecturer in Law: Law of Sports, Columbia University School of Law.

### **Litigation Experience**

More than 40 years as a civil trial lawyer with an emphasis on litigation and counseling in complex commercial disputes. Clients included Major League Baseball, national accounting firms, financial institutions and manufacturing concerns. Amounts in controversy ranged from low six-figure claims to more than \$100 million. Typical matters include:

- Employment related disputes including discrimination claims as well as claims for violations of non-competition agreements and unfair competition;
- Individually negotiated employer/ employee issues including executive compensation including amounts of pay owed upon termination to present and former executives;
- Financial services, manufacturing, and insurance disputes involving allegations of breach of contract, fraud and securities law, including several disputes in the bankruptcy courts;
- Sports law issues including representation of Major League Baseball and individual clubs in litigation and negotiations involving other leagues and clubs, vendors and government agencies on matters including contractual obligations, sponsorship and licensing, and trademark issues and antitrust and other regulatory issues;
- Accountants' liability disputes including claims for audit and tax malpractice.

### **Alternative Dispute Resolution Experience and Training**

- Participant in mediations and arbitrations for over forty years, in commercial disputes, bankruptcy claims and union-management and wrongful discharge claims;
- Panelist in CPR's Panels of Distinguished Neutrals, currently active in the Employment, New York City and Sports Law Panel.
- Panelist in the Mediation Panel for the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York mediating a variety of matters including claims for wrongful discharge, discrimination, wages and hours as well as other commercial disputes.
- Panelist in the Mediation Panel for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York mediating a variety of matters including claims for wrongful discharge, discrimination, wages and hours as well as other commercial disputes.
- Arbitrator Panel Chair and occasional panelist in customer and employee arbitrations before FINRA;
- Member of Second Circuit CAMP Court Ordered Mediation Panel;
- Panelist in the Mediation Panel for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of New York;
- Member of the Mediation Panel for the New York State Supreme Court, New York County.

### **Professional Licenses**

Admitted to the bar in New York (1969), Florida (1971), District of Columbia (1983), and U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York and District of Columbia among other federal courts.

### **Education**

Cornell University (B.A., Government 1965), London School of Economics (M.Sc. 1966) and University of Michigan Law School (J.D. *cum laude* 1969).

### **Publications**

"New York's Amended Attachment Statute: A Prejudgment Remedy in Need of Further Revision," 44 Brook. L. Rev. 199 (1978); "The Port Authority 1962 Covenant: Bar to Mass Transportation," 27 Rutgers L. Rev. 1 (1973).

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