

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

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- I. **Profession Accrediting Agency or Jurisdiction Date of Admissions**  
New York December 14, 1988; EDNY & SDNY April 4, 1989.
  
- II. **Professional Organizations Date of Admission Active/Inactive**  
NY American Inn of Court Master of the Bench · Feb 2022 – Present;  
Chartered Institute of Arbitrators North American Branch Jan 2022 – Present;  
New York County Lawyers Association: Co-Chair, Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee; Board of Directors August 2022-Present;  
New York City Bar Association: Affiliate Member, Arbitration Committee, Aug. 2023-Present;  
Palm Beach County Bar Association;;  
Fordham University School of Law: Recent Law Graduate Committee Executive Committee, Dec. 2022- Present.
  
- III. **Experience and Familiarity with Bankruptcy Law:**  
From over 30 years of judicial law clerk experience in the New York State Court System, I have extensive experience with Bankruptcy Law in state court actions.
  
- IV. **Mediation Training:**  
I have over 200 hours of mediation training, both in New York and Florida. I am Florida Supreme Court Circuit Certified as a mediator. I have a modified facilitative style, in which I listen actively, maintain an empathetic tone towards the parties and help the parties achieve a resolution that is, all things considered, a better alternative than continuing to litigate.
  
- V. **Mediation Experience:**  
Six (6) years mediation experience in community, attorney-client fee-dispute, commercial, foreclosure, and attorney grievance matters including an apprenticeship at Community Mediation Service in Queens County.

**VI. Area of Expertise:**

Commercial law, contracts, negligence, real estate, foreclosure, business divorce, consumer, business, investor-broker, attorney-client, and emergency and injunctive relief.

**VII. General Pertinent Business or Legal Experience:**

Same as stated above.

**VIII. Other Pertinent Information:**

My background includes over 30 years of judicial law clerk experience in the New York State Court System, where I conferenced and settled difficult cases and drafted reasoned decisions. My education includes an LLM in International Dispute Resolution from Fordham Law School and a JD from St. John's University. I am also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb), the highest level of professional qualification in the field of alternative dispute resolution (ADR).

My specialty is consumer, commercial, business, investor-broker, attorney-client, and travel-related claims. As a mediator, I use my legal knowledge and experience to facilitate constructive dialogue and analysis among the parties and offer impartial and professional guidance while respecting party autonomy and decision-making. My mission is to assist the parties to achieve a satisfactory and durable resolution of their disputes. I have published and presented extensively on various topics related to international arbitration ethics, mediation techniques, and ADR best practices. I am also a certified mediator and arbitrator in several jurisdictions and organizations, such as Florida, New York, ABTA, and FINRA.

**IX. Fee Structure (Compensation and Expense Reimbursement):**

\$375 hour

**X. Pro Bono Preference: Brooklyn, Central Islip or both offices.**

Brooklyn, New York.

## Instructions to New Members of the Mediation Register

1. Prepare a brief biographical sketch and Fee Structure (Compensation and Expense Reimbursement) using Word or Adobe (PDF) and forward to Shermaine Y. Sanders, Secretary to the Clerk of Court, at [shermaine\\_sanders@nreb.uscourts.gov](mailto:shermaine_sanders@nreb.uscourts.gov). Also, include your address, telephone number, facsimile number, e-mail address and area(s) of expertise. This information will be posted on the court's website. Please adhere to the following format:
2. Endorse the attached *Oath of Office* (28 USC Sec. 453. Oath of justices and judges) and return the original form with your original signature (please, do not date the form) to: Shermaine Y. Sanders, Secretary to the Clerk of Court, US Bankruptcy Court, EDNY, 271-C Cadman Plaza East, Suite 1595, Brooklyn, New York 11201.
3. Review Local Rule 9019-1: Alternative Dispute Resolution - Mediation. The rule and other mediation information are available on the court's website at <http://www.nyeb.uscourts.gov>