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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Law Offices of Albert Rizzo, P.C.  
New York, NY  
Rome, Italy  
Principal, 1996 - Present  
Established in March 1996, the practice represents a diverse clientele of small and mid-size domestic and multi-national businesses and individuals in all aspects of trial and appellate commercial litigation, employment law and litigation, general corporate and business law, real estate law, and international business transactions, particularly with Italy. Website: [www.RizzoLawOffices.com](http://www.RizzoLawOffices.com)
- New York University School of Continuing Professional Studies  
New York, NY  
Adjunct Assistant Professor, 2011- Present  
Courses:       Advanced Labor Relations and Employment Law  
                      Conflict Management and Dispute Resolution  
                      Corporations and Partnership Law
- Jacobs Persinger & Parker  
New York, NY  
Associate, September 1987 - March 1996  
Practiced in the areas of commercial litigation, securities, banking and corporate law. In 1995, became senior litigation associate responsible for an extensive commercial litigation practice, including representation of public and private companies at both the trial and appellate level.

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- New York State Bar Association, Member
  - Member of Dispute Resolution Committee on Mediation and Arbitration (2011 – Present)
- New York City Bar Association, Member
  - Member of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee (2009 – Present)
  - Member of the Business and Corporations Law, Employment Law and Real Estate Law Legal Referral Panels (2006 - Present)
  - Member and Lecturer for Lawyers in Transition Committee (2000)

## EDUCATION

- Fordham University School of Law  
J.D., 1987  
Moot Court Board
- Fordham University  
B.A., 1984  
Four-year Merit Scholarship Recipient

## PUBLICATIONS

- Featured columnist of the Outside Counsel column of the New York Law Journal.  
Published articles:

“Beware of Service Upon the Dead! A Trap for the Unwary” published in the New York Law Journal, December 10, 2004. Discusses the conflict between the unwillingness of courts to find jurisdiction over a deceased person and the legislative approval of service of process by substituted service.

“Escrow Funds: Yours or Mine?” published in the New York Law Journal, November 27, 2000. Discusses the problems that real estate title companies face in protecting escrow funds from judgment creditors of their clients, and offers practical solutions for title companies to avoid creditor attachment.

- Blog: “The Legal Firewall” [www.rizzolawoffices.blogspot.com](http://www.rizzolawoffices.blogspot.com)

## OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

- Mediator for NYS Supreme Court, NY County, Commercial Division
- Mediator for American Arbitration Association, Storm Sandy Mediation Program
- Trained Mediator
  - Basic Mediation Training: Conflict Resolution Theory & Techniques, NYC Bar Association
  - Commercial Mediation Training, NYS Bar Association
  - Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts, MediateArt Program

## PRO BONO ACTIVITY

- Neighborhood Entrepreneur Law Project (2009 – Present)  
Advise and counsel small business and start-up businesses on various questions of business law, corporate formation, employment issues, avoidance of disputes, proper contract drafting, and commercial lease negotiation; participate in small business seminars and lecture on specific business-related topics.

## BAR ADMISSIONS

- New York
- Supreme Court of the United States
- Southern District of New York
- Eastern District of New York
- Northern District of New York

## LANGUAGES

- English
- Italian
- Spanish (Proficient)

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January 29, 2014

Hon. Alan D. Sheinkman  
Supreme Court, Westchester County  
111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
White Plains, NY 10601

Re: General Civil and Commercial Division Mediation Programs

Dear Justice Sheinkman:

I kindly request consideration to be added to the roster of mediators for the Westchester County Supreme Court General Civil and Commercial Division Mediation Panels. My resume is enclosed.

I am currently on the roster of mediators for the New York County Supreme Court, Commercial Division, and have completed all required training in accordance with Rule 146. I am also an active member of the New York State and City Bar Associations Committees on Dispute Resolution.

I have completed 68 credits in Basic Mediation and Commercial Mediation training, and just recently mediated over 30 cases for the Storm Sandy Mediation Program sponsored by the American Arbitration Association, which provided a wealth of experience in the insurance claims area.

Your attention and consideration are greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,



Albert Rizzo

Encl.

cc: James Garfein, Esq. (By Email)  
Principal Settlement Coordinator