Richmond County Supreme Court Mediator Profiles

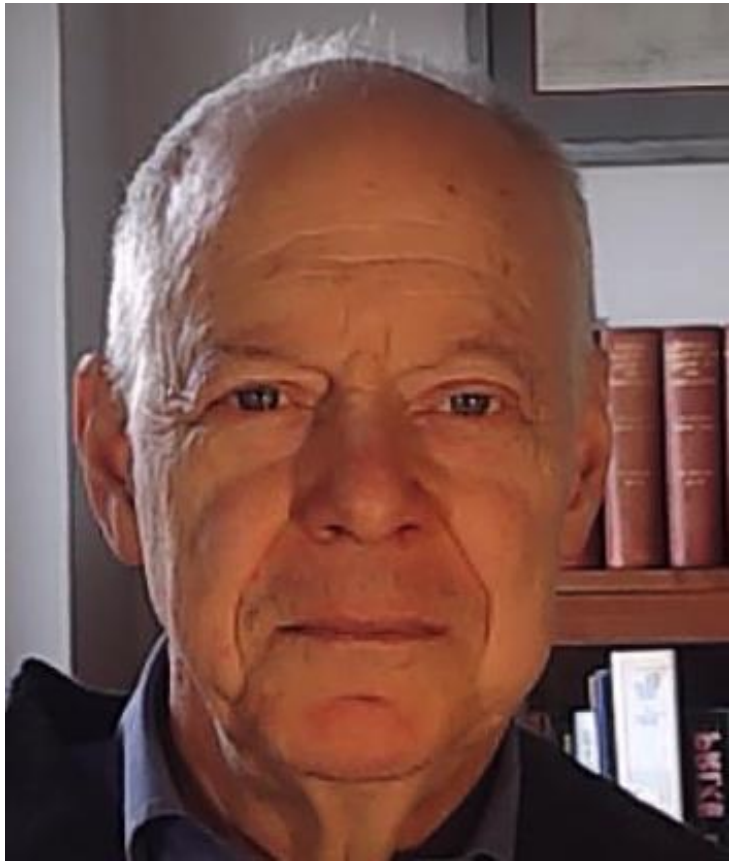
ADR Coordinator: Irini Bekhit, Esq.

Howard M. Adelsberg, Esq.

ADR
ALTERNATIVE
DISPUTE
RESOLUTION

- Rate of $450 an hour after the first 90 minutes
- Admitted in 1986
- Mediated cases in New York, Kings, Bronx, Queens and Nassau with an 85% resolved rating
- Real Estate, personal injury, commercial law, property damage, health care, elder abuse
- Can travel to Staten Island

Sanford E. Balick, Esq.



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ALTERNATIVE
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RESOLUTION

- Rate of $250-350 an hour after the first 90 minutes
- 47 years of experience in civil practice
- Qualified Mediator and Arbitrator
- Maritime law, bailments, property insurance, matrimonial
- Can travel to Staten Island
- consensuspointllc@gmail.com

Myrna Barakat Friedman, Esq.

ADR
ALTERNATIVE
DISPUTE
RESOLUTION

- Admitted in 1998
- Rate of $500-700/hour after the first 90 minutes
- Can travel to Staten Island
- Corporate/transactional lawyer
- Commercial arbitrator and mediator
- Commercial matters, business disputes and divorces, real estate matters, technology matters
- CPR Mediator Panel
- BarakatADR.com

Andrew Berman, Esq.

ADR
ALTERNATIVE
DISPUTE
RESOLUTION

- Rate of $400 per hour after first 90 minutes
- Mediate Commercial, Civil, Real Estate, Divorce, Custody and Visitation, Surrogate, ADA cases
- Mediator at Federal and New York State courts; Arbitrator at FINRA
- Admitted to New York and New Jersey Bars in 1985
- Business Career: Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated
- Georgetown University Law Center; University of Pennsylvania (The Wharton School)
- Virtual or in person on Staten Island
- andrewberman@optonline.net

Helene Bernstein, Esq.

ADR
ALTERNATIVE
DISPUTE
RESOLUTION

- Rate of $400 an hour after the first 90 minutes
- Practicing law since 1987
- Family Law Mediator (custody/visitation)
- Can travel to Staten Island after the first 90 minutes
- www.hbernsteinlawandmediation.com

Shari Bornstein, Esq.

ADR
ALTERNATIVE
DISPUTE
RESOLUTION

- Matrimonial and Family Law Attorney over 30 years
- Mediation, Collaborative law including Streamlined cases, and Litigation
- Passionate about assisting with custodial issues
- Hourly rate $450 with sliding scale
- shari@yacoslaw.com
- www.yacoslaw.com

Gary Bowitch, Esq.

ADR
ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- Environmental Mediator
- Mediate complex, multi-Party environmental disputes
- Other Areas of Mediation: Land Use, Commercial/Contract, Municipal disputes
- Over 35 years of experience as environmental counsel to private and municipal clients
- Conduct virtual mediations via Zoom
- Rate of $400 after first 90 minutes
- www.bowitchlaw.com; gbowitch@bowitchlaw.com

Eric Brandon, Esq.

ADR
ALTERNATIVE
DISPUTE
RESOLUTION

- Rate of $200 per hour after the first 90 minutes
- Domestically and internationally trained commercial mediator
- Admitted to practice in New York and the US District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York
- JD from New York University School of Law
- Available to travel to Staten Island
- ericbrandonadr@gmail.com

Jess Bunshaft, Esq.

ADR
ALTERNATIVE
DISPUTE
RESOLUTION

- Rate of $400 an hour after the first 90 minutes
- Active mediator since 2005, resolving hundreds of matters
- On court panels in multiple NY counties, as well as SDNY and EDNY
- Extensive experience in Employment law, Personal Injury, Commercial Litigation, ADA, and other matters
- www.synergistmediation.com

David Carey, Esq.

ADR
ALTERNATIVE
DISPUTE
RESOLUTION

- Rate of $275 an hour after the first 90 minutes
- Mediator for Richmond, Kings and Nassau County
- Personal Injury, Business, Real Estate and Contract Disputes
- Can travel to Staten Island
- (73) David Carey | LinkedIn

Orin Cohen, Esq.

ADR
ALTERNATIVE
DISPUTE
RESOLUTION

- Rate of $450 an hour after the first 90 minutes
- Specializing in personal injury for over 30 years
- Commercial/Personal Injury
- Available to Mediate in person on Staten Island
- orin@orincohenlaw.com

Erin K. Colgan, Esq.

ADR
ALTERNATIVE
DISPUTE
RESOLUTION

- Certified Mediator since 2004
- Admitted to practice in New York 2003
- Rate of $400 per hour after initial 90 minutes
- Located on Staten Island
- Virtual or in person meeting offered
- Mediated hundreds of cases in Richmond County and Kings County
- Worked with attorneys to resolve cases
- Litigated divorce cases 15+ years
- Founder of Next Step Process to help families transition post-divorce life

Jennifer Cook, Esq.

ADR
ALTERNATIVE
DISPUTE
RESOLUTION

- Rate of $300 per hour after the first 90 minutes or sliding scale if qualify
- Consumer Debt, Rent disputes, Matrimonial, Foreclosure, Breach of Contract/Business, Employment
- NY Civil Court Arbitrator, Mediator for Matrimonial cases and Part 137; Special Master for Appellate Division, 2nd Dept.
- 10+ years litigating consumer debt/breach of contract matters; Chapter 7 bankruptcy
- jrcresolution@gmail.com

Michael Davies, Esq.

- New York State and Federal Court litigation practice spanning over 30 years
- Experienced mediator and arbitrator
- Commercial, employment, partnership/corporations, personal injury, real estate and insurance disputes
- AV Preeminent Attorney Rating (Martindale Hubbell)
- Rate of $450 after the first 90 minutes
- www.drmlaw.com

Antoinette Delruelle, Esq.

ADR
ALTERNATIVE
DISPUTE
RESOLUTION

- Senior Attorney/Mediation Project NY Legal Assistance Group
- Attorney since 1994
- Mediator since 2009
- Mediates for free if combined gross income of both parties is no more than $85,000/year + no significant assets, as to be determined by NYLAG
- Mediates in English, Spanish and French

Anne-Louise DePalo, Esq.

ADR
ALTERNATIVE
DISPUTE
RESOLUTION

- Rate of $395 an hour after the first 90 minutes
- Admitted in 1987
- Certified Mediator since 1995
- Office located in Staten Island
- Zoom and in Person sessions
- Collaboratively trained attorney
- Matrimonial and family law
- Certified parent coordinator
- www.depalolawfirm.com

Hannah Diamond, Esq.

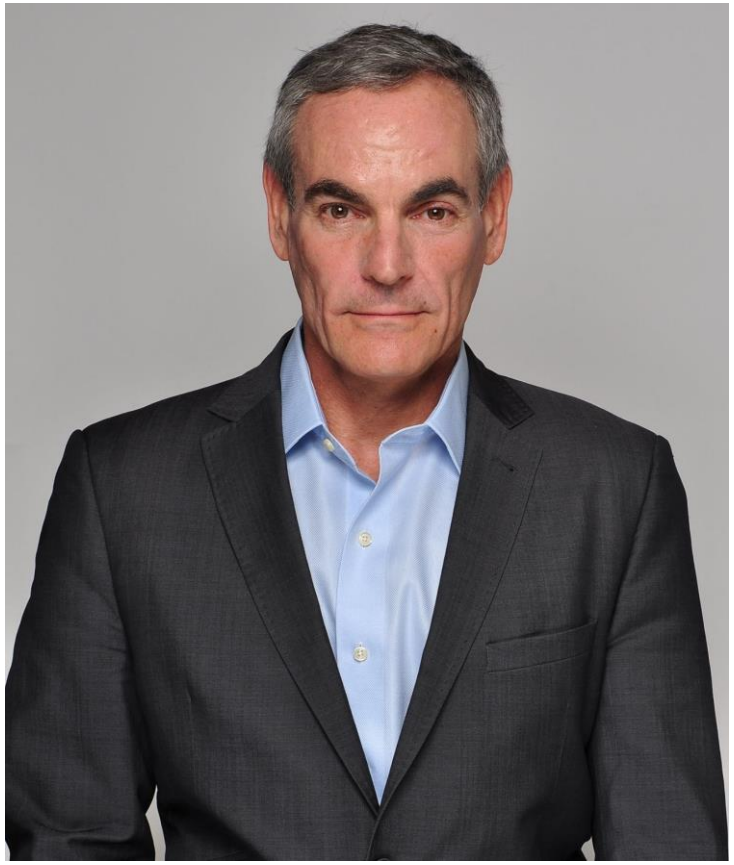
- Mediator and former litigator
- Mediator of Family and Civil Cases
- Volunteer mediator for Community Mediation Services and NYC Small Claims Court
- FINRA panel member
- JD from Harvard Law, BA from Oberlin College
- Rate of $150 an hour after the first 90 minutes
- hdiamondmediation@gmail.com

Anthony DiCaprio, Esq.

ADR
ALTERNATIVE
DISPUTE
RESOLUTION

- Rate of $450 to $750 an hour after the first 90 minutes
- More than 250 cases mediated
- Mediated multi-million dollar multi-party real estate cases, complex business partnerships + wide range of matters
- Available to mediate in person in Staten Island or virtual
- Dicapriomediationgroup.com/team/

Marc Elliott, Esq.



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ALTERNATIVE
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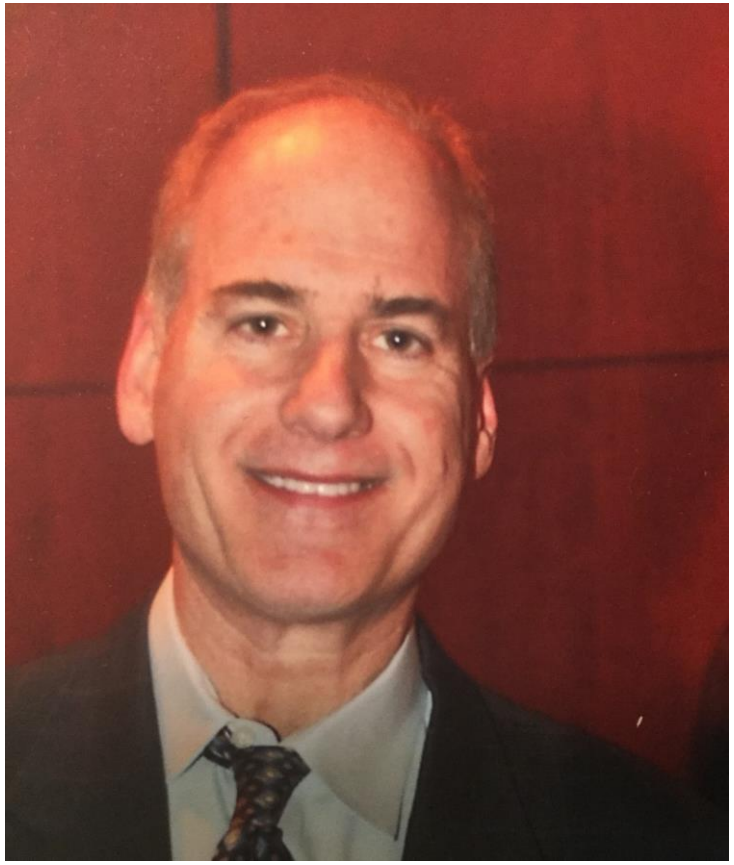
- Rate of $400 per hour after 90 minutes
- Admitted NY 1986
- Mediated numerous Commercial Division matters in NY County
- Expertise in Complex Commercial Matters, focused on Construction Claims (non-PI), Real Estate, Business Dissolution/Divorce, Commercial Contracts, Restrictive Covenants
- Former Arbitrator, American Arbitration Association Construction Industry Section
- Mediator for Commercial Division NY County since 2008
- Can travel to Staten Island

Norman Feit, Esq.



- Rate flexible depending on nature and scope of the matter
- Mediator since 2019 (previously served as client in dozens of mediations)
- Global Head of Litigation and Regulatory Proceedings from Goldman Sachs (until retirement in 2019)
- Commercial and PI
- American Arbitration Association – Multiple CPR panels (Consumer and Commercial), Special Master in 1st Dept, FINRA Arbitrator/Mediator
- www.feitservices.com

Michael V. Gervasi, Esq.

- Rate of $250-400 an hour after the first 90 minutes
- Partner in the Law Firm of Scamardella, Gervasi & Kasegrande, P.C.
- Admitted to practice in New York, New Jersey, the US District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York, US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and the US Supreme Court
- Commercial, business, personal injury wrongful death, contested business entity dissolutions, insurance coverage disputes, land disputes

Erin E. Gleason Alvarez, Esq.

ADR
ALTERNATIVE
DISPUTE
RESOLUTION

- Full-time neutral and member of AAA, CPR, Resolute Mediation Panels
- Special Master, Appellate Division, 1st Dept
- Facilitate resolution of complex commercial, entertainment, construction, insurance, and employment cases
- Former litigator and in-house counsel
- Rate dependent on nature of dispute; first 90 minutes pro bono
- www.gleasonadr.com

Kyle-Beth Hilfer, Esq.

ADR
ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- Panel Member for AAA, City of New York of Administrative Trials and Hearings Contract Dispute Resolution Board; World Intellectual Property Organization
- Special Master, 2d Judicial Department; Appellate Division, Supreme Court of the State of New York
- Certified Mediator through Part 146 NYS ADR Program, Commercial Divisions
- Expertise in contract disputes, commercial transactions, intellectual property, marketing, branding, entertainment, technology and emerging marketplaces, real estate, and insurance coveragecases
- Available for virtual mediation in Staten Island
- Fees dependent upon nature of dispute; first 90 minutes of mediation session pro bono
- www.hilferlaw.com

Andrea Hirshman, Esq.

ADR
ALTERNATIVE
DISPUTE
RESOLUTION

- $425/hour after first 90 minutes
- Mediated hundreds of divorce, custody and support cases throughout NYC
- Matrimonial and Family Law
- Can travel to Staten Island
- Office located in Brooklyn
- www.andreahirshman.com

Michele Kern-Rappy, Esq.

ADR
ALTERNATIVE
DISPUTE
RESOLUTION

- Senior sole mediator and settlement coordinator of New York County (retired) with 35 years court mediation experience
- Member of the prestigious statewide Chief Judges advisory on ADR
- Trainer for the Judges and staff at the Judicial Institute
- Areas of Expertise: Premises Liability, complex Personal Injury, Employment, Family-Owned Business, Real Estate, complex Commercial
- $350/hour after first 90 minutes
- www.michelekernrappy.com

Alla Kurolapnik, Esq.

ADR
ALTERNATIVE
DISPUTE
RESOLUTION

- Rate of $450 per hour after the first 90 minutes
- Over 20 years' experience in Family and Matrimonial Law
- On mediation court panels in Supreme Court New York County and Nassau County
- Fluent Russian speaker
- alla@kurolapniklaw.com

Marc Levine, Esq.

ADR
ALTERNATIVE
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RESOLUTION

- Rate of $400 an hour after the first 90 minutes
- Over 15 years experience as a mediator
- As a successful civil trial attorney tried over 70 jury trials and represented clients in over 300 mediations and arbitrations
- Personal Injury (auto, premises, products, etc.), Employment, Real Estate, Business, Insurance, Professional Malpractice
- marc@levinemediation.net

Lorraine Mandel, Esq.

ADR
ALTERNATIVE
DISPUTE
RESOLUTION

- Rate of $350 an hour after the first 90 minutes
- Former General Counsel of global Fortune 500 company
- Expertise in all facets of commercial transactions, insurance coverage, employment, intellectual property and real estate
- FINRA and AAA arbitrator
- Available for virtual or in-person mediation in Staten Island
- www.Mandelresolution.com

Mary Martuscello, Esq.

ADR
ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- Rate of $400 an hour after the first 90 minutes
- 38 years of experience in Personal Injury matters
- Certified Mediator
- Can travel to Staten Island
- mary@martuscellolaw.com

Anthony Mascolo, Esq.

ADR
ALTERNATIVE
DISPUTE
RESOLUTION

- Rate of $250 to $450 per hour, after the first 90 minutes
- Over 40 years practice in tort law in Staten Island
- All types of Personal Injury cases
- Resolved many mediated cases
- Extensive defendant and plaintiff perspective
- www.SmartToMediate.com

Chris McDonald, Esq.

- Rate of $400 an hour after the first 90 minutes
- Admitted in 1993
- NYS court rosters in 11 counties in and around NYC
- AAA Mediation Panel
- Commercial, PI, NYLL, IP, class actions, securities, +
- Represented plaintiffs, defendants, and worked as in-house counsel
- Can travel to Staten Island
- mcdonaldadroffice.com

Glenn P. Milgraum, Esq.

ADR
ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- Rate of $360 an hour after the first 90 minutes
- Flexible evening and weekend hours available
- Certified Civil Family Law and Civil Mediator
- Over 30 years of litigation experience
- Family Mediation (Divorce, relocation, custody/visitation, equitable distribution, spousal and child support)
- Civil (Real property, contracts, construction, partnership disputes)
- Accredited Professional Mediator designation from the New Jersey Association of Professional Mediators (NJAPM)
- www.glennmilgraum.com

Sheryl Mintz-Goski, Esq.

ADR
ALTERNATIVE
DISPUTE
RESOLUTION

- Rate of $315 an hour after the first 90 minutes
- Admitted to practice NY, NJ and Fl.
- “Superlawyers” for ADR since 2006
- Full time Neutral since 2010
- Personal Injury, Commercial, Construction and Insurance
- 90% success rate on assigned cases (stat supplied by Sheryl Mintz Goski, Esq.)
- www.goskilaw.com

Loretta Miraglia, Esq.

ADR
ALTERNATIVE
DISPUTE
RESOLUTION

- 15 years mediation experience
- Sliding scale fee from $200 to $450/hour
- Areas of mediation: Matrimonial, Surrogates, Civil/Commercial (contract disputes, intellectual property issues, closely-held businesses, academia, insurance)
- Advanced Accredited Mediator Member of the New York State Council on Divorce Mediation
- Offices in Yonkers and Eastchester (Westchester County) for in-person mediations. Remote mediation via Zoom. Amenable to travel
- Harvard Law School, MIT (BS Chemistry; BS Life Sciences)

Peter E. Nahmias, Esq.

- $350 hour after first 90 minutes (sliding scale for qualifying parties)
- Areas of Mediation: Contract Disputes, Complex Commercial, International Business Disputes, Product Liability, Intellectual Property, Insurance
- Qualified Commercial Arbitrator and Mediator (NY Part 146, Fellow Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Member International Mediation Institute, Registered Mediator Spanish Ministry of the Interior
- Fordham University School of Law, JD, Rutgers College, BA, Instituto de Empresa, LLM
- Admitted NY 1990, NJ 1989, Spain 2001
- Former litigator and in-house counsel
- Fluent Spanish Speaker
- Virtual preferred
- Contact: peter@nahmiaslegal.com, www.nahmiaslegal.com

Tania Pagan, Esq.

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ALTERNATIVE
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- Court referred mediation: $500 hourly rate shared by two parties, after first 90 minutes, and multi-party rates upon request; Private mediation: rates upon request
- Special Master NYS Supreme Court mediating multi-million-dollar, multi-party, complex civil and commercial cases
- Mediates Medical Malpractice, Personal Injury and Wrongful Death, Labor Law, MVA, ADA, Crime Victims, Discrimination, Civil, and Commercial
- ADR leadership positions and CLE provider for NYSBA and NYWBA
- 30+ years complex litigation State/Federal courts; appeals statewide to Court of Appeals
- www.mediatingdisputes.com

Davida Perry, Esq.

- Admitted in 1986
- Practicing Employment Law for over 35 years (extensive experience representing clients at mediation)
- Active Employment Law / Commercial Mediator on court panels in New York Counties, as well as SDNY, EDNY and AAA
- Hourly rate of $500 after first 90 minutes
- www.sphlegal.com

Steve Pilnyak, Esq.

- Award-winning former Principal Deputy Bureau Chief in the Manhattan District Attorney's Office focused on financial crimes
- Former corporate lawyer with commercial experience
- Trained matrimonial mediator
- Areas of Mediation: Matrimonial, commercial, business, financial and contract disputes, elder abuse, and technology matters
- Rate of $250-$350 per hour after the first 90 minutes
- Native Russian speaker
- Conduct remote or in-person mediations in Staten Island based on client preference
- spilnayk@pilnyaklaw.com

Jon Michael Probstein, Esq.

ADR
ALTERNATIVE
DISPUTE
RESOLUTION

- Rate of $150-200 per hour after the first 90 minutes
- Offers sliding scale for qualifying parties
- Can travel to Staten Island
- Part 137 Arbitrator
- jmp@jmpattorney.com

David J. Reilly, Esq.

ADR
ALTERNATIVE
DISPUTE
RESOLUTION

- Rate of $400 per hour after first 90 minutes
- Admitted NY and NJ
- Full Time Neutral since 2006, serving in 1000s of matters
- Previously in private practice and an in-house counsel focusing on litigation
- Member of numerous rosters, including AAA, E.D.N.Y., FINRA, NJ Superior Court, NY Supreme Court, various counties and Nuclear Regulatory Commission
- Extensive experience mediating a wide range of claims in commercial, labor and employment, personal injury and other matters, including breach of contract, commercial leases, consumer fraud, corporate dissolution, derivative actions, discrimination/harassment, education law, ERISA, fiduciary duty, FLSA, insurance subrogation, restrictive covenants/trade secrets, professional malpractice, tortious interference, whistleblower and wrongful termination.
- djreilly@adr-practice.com

Albert Rizzo, Esq.

ADR
ALTERNATIVE
DISPUTE
RESOLUTION

- Rate of $450 per hour after the first 90 minutes
- 35 years of litigation experience
- Mediator since 2011
- Commercial, employment, small business, commercial landlord tenant
- www.rizzolawoffices.com/arbitration--mediation.html

Carmen M. Rodriguez, Esq.

ADR
ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- Sliding scale between $100 to $400
- Mediated over 200 cases
- Areas of practice include Family and Matrimonial Law, Elder Law, Surrogates, Real Estate and Employment Law
- Can travel to Staten Island
- Graduate of Brown University and Columbia Law School
- Fluent Spanish speaker
- www.rodriguezlawandmediation.com

Michael Schoenberg, Esq.

ADR
ALTERNATIVE
DISPUTE
RESOLUTION

- $350 an hour after the first 90 minutes
- Commercial matters, business disputes and divorces, real estate matters, and employment issues
- Qualified commercial mediator under Part 146
- Virtual or in person (Staten Island) meeting offered
- https://rmfpc.com/attorneys/michael-h-Schoenberg/

Gary Shaffer, Esq.

ADR
ALTERNATIVE
DISPUTE
RESOLUTION

- Rate of $350 per hour after the first 90 minutes
- Mediated over 50 cases through the Court ADR program
- Discrimination Law, Employment Law, Real Estate Law, Personal Injury/Construction Law, and Divorce Law
- Can travel to Staten Island
- AAA Mediation Panel
- www.shaffermediation.com/about-us/

Frank T. Spano, Esq.

ADR
ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

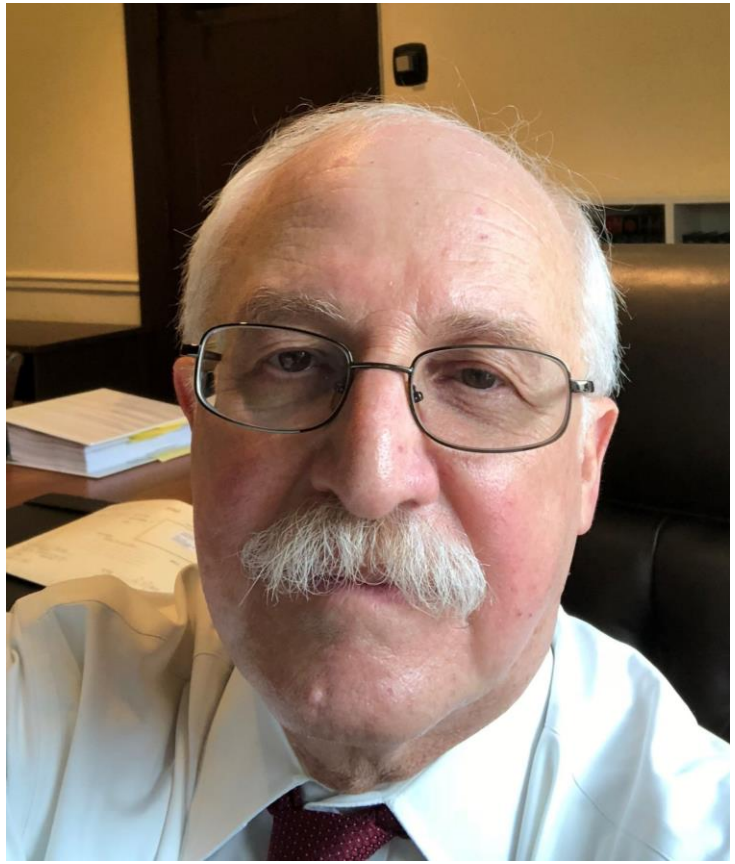
- Resolve disputes utilizing more than 40 years of experience in law, engineering and business. Mediated more than 100 cases
- NYSBA advanced commercial and personal injury mediation training
- CPR International Institute for Conflict Resolution mediation panel
- Remote or in-person mediations in Staten Island
- Contact at fn13893@gmail.com or (646) 831 - 4629

Michael Starr, Esq.

ADR
ALTERNATIVE
DISPUTE
RESOLUTION

- Rate of $450 an hour after the first 90 minutes
- 30+ years of state and federal litigation
- Mediated over 200 cases
- Mediated between 20-30 ADR Court cases
- Employment and contract disputes, business-to-business disputes, commercial real estate
- Virtual or in-person, as parties prefer
- Mstarrmediation.com

Philip Straniere, Esq.



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ALTERNATIVE
DISPUTE
RESOLUTION

- Rate of $500 an hour after the first 90 minutes
- NYC Civil Court Judge 1997-2017
- Judicial Hearing Officer 2018-2020 – Commercial Division Supreme Court NY County
- Presides over thousands of cases
- Employment Law, Commercial litigation, Insurance, Real Estate, Medical Malpractice, Partnership disputes.
- Virtual or in-person, as parties prefer
- Can mediate in Staten Island

Jessica L. Toelstedt, Esq.

ADR
ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- Rate of $675 after the first 90 minutes
- Co-Chair of the Mediation and Collaborative Law Practice in current practice
- Over 15 years of experience in Family and Matrimonial Law
- Martindale Hubbell Client Champion for 2017-2022
- New York Family Law Super Lawyer from 2017-2022

Leslie Treff, Esq.

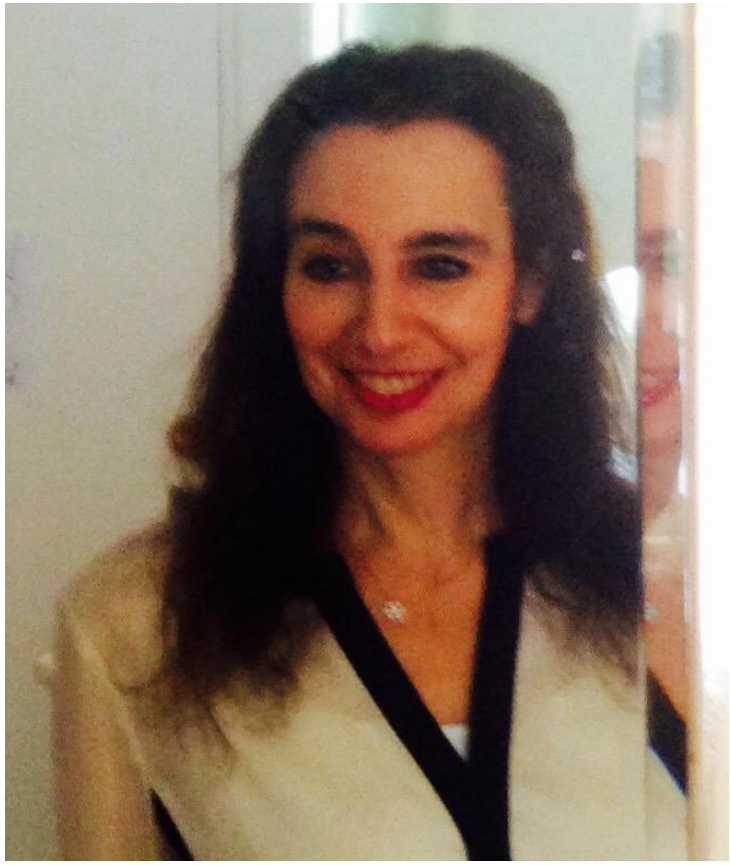
ADR
ALTERNATIVE
DISPUTE
RESOLUTION

- Fees on a sliding scale; usual rate $350 after 90 minutes
- Mediated more than 100 cases through court-annexed programs
- Specialties: insurance coverage; NY Labor Law; commercial & residential landlord/tenant; closely held business problems & breakups
- Former court attorney/special master
- Downstate & upstate in-person and virtual mediations
- www.LeslieTreff.com

Thomas Wiegand, Esq.

- Started career as assistant to Roger Fisher, *Getting to Yes*
- National experience in complex commercial and consumer cases
- Balanced experience with both plaintiffs and defendants
- Experience mediating family and construction disputes
- Rate $500 - $700 after 90 minutes
- www.mololamken.com/professionals-thomas-wiegand

Elizabeth Yablon, Esq.



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- Attorney (Retired NYS Supreme Court Referee), Independent Arbitrator/Mediator, NYS Supreme Court, Referee (1999-2022), Principal Law Clerk (1996-8 & 1988-92), NYC Civil Court, Court Attorney (1984-88)
- American Arbitration Association Panel (2022-Present)
- NYS Supreme Court Rosters – Mediator (Present)
- Mediation – Neutral, Over 34 years experience Settling and Mediating 1000's of Civil & Commercial cases for the Courts. Over 20 years presiding over Commercial Non-Jury Trials for the NYS Supreme Court over 20 years. (2001-2022)
- Commercial, Construction, Real Estate, Labor Law, Personal Injury, Property Damage, and more
- Professional Licenses: Admitted to Bar: NYS Bar – 2/13/85; U.S.D.C. Southern District – 9/8/2009; U.S.D.C. Eastern District – 9/18/2009
- Education: University of Pennsylvania (BA early grad 1979, Magna Cum Laude), St. John's University, School of Law (J.D. 1984, Dean's List)
- Rate: $450 after first 90 minutes
- Eyablon.adrlaw@gmail.com

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