

# **Beverly J. Hodgson**

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Beverly J. Hodgson has been a fulltime mediator and arbitrator since leaving the bench in July 2003. She served as a Connecticut Superior Court judge for over fifteen years, ending her judicial career at the expiration of her term as the first judge appointed to the Complex Litigation Docket. As a trial attorney, she represented parties in collective bargaining and grievance arbitrations and tried employment cases, including a class action, in state and federal court.

She has arbitrated or mediated hundreds of cases involving many kinds of claims, including but not limited to product liability, employment, property rights, insurance coverage, construction, will contests, personal injury, contract, and discrimination.

She has served as the interim director of the Connecticut State Office of Ethics, as a court-appointed monitor of employment practices in the Department of Correction, and as a fact-finder in claims of sexual misconduct at Yale University.

Hodgson is affiliated as a mediator and arbitrator with the ADR Center in New Britain (860-832 8060), and the American Arbitration Association (Commercial and Labor/Employment panels). She also books cases directly.

She is the co-author of a compilation of case law and practice tips titled "Alternate Dispute Resolution in Connecticut's Courts" (Atlantic Law Books), and for four years she was the author of a monthly column on ADR subjects in the Connecticut Law Tribune.

She has been elected to "Best Lawyers" in the ADR category for each year since 2007. For over seventeen years she has taught trial practice skills at Yale Law School, and she designed and taught a new course, ADR Skills, at Yale Law School in the fall of 2013.

A graduate Yale Law School, she was a partner at Koskoff, Koskoff & Bieder, P.C. before becoming a judge.

She is the recipient of the 2003 Judiciary Award of the Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association and the Robert A. Zampano Award of Community Mediation, Inc. of New Haven.

She is a graduate of Brown University and the Harvard Graduate School of Education and a past or present member of the boards of New Haven Legal Assistance Association, Long Wharf Theatre, and Clifford Beers Clinic. She is a part board member of the Community Mediation, Inc., The Watershed Project, the Connecticut

Bar Foundation, and the Eli Whitney Museum, where she was board president for six years

She has been a panelist in continuing education programs of the Connecticut Bar Association, the Connecticut Employment Lawyers Association and the Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association, as well as the Judicial Institute for Superior Court Judges.