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Current Employer

Resolutions LLC, solely owned company, providing arbitration, mediation, and related services.

Profession

Arbitrator, Mediator, Judge, Attorney

Work History

Owner, Resolutions LLC, June 2014 to present; Superior Court of New Jersey, final position of Presiding Judge, Chancery Division, General Equity, Morris and Sussex Counties, Jan 1997 to Jan 2014; Mound Cotton & Wollan, Resident Managing Attorney, 1989-1993; Greenberg Margolis, Member, 1989-1993; Orloff Lowenbach Stifelman & Siegel, Associate, 1983-1988; Lowenstein Sandler, Associate, 1981-1983; Law Clerk to Justice Stewart J Pollock, Supreme Court of New Jersey, 1980-1981.

Experience

Sat as New Jersey Superior Court Judge from January 1997 to January 2014. Of the 17 years: seven years in Law Division, presiding primarily over complex civil, post-arbitration construction, commercial and environmental disputes, including \$8 billion securities fraud case, \$160 million breach of multi-year chemical manufacture and sale contract case, and clergy child sex abuse case; six years in Family Part, including a divorce/child abduction case involving the daughter of a Eurasian country president and the design of a unique Intensive Settlement Conference paradigm that parallels civil mediation; and four years in Chancery Division, presiding without a jury over Probate matters and complex business disputes, such as accountings, shareholder, partnership, minority shareholder, employment, breach of contract, securities, environmental and border disputes. Last Chancery matter was 207-day bench trial of a 22 year old case, with 110 days of accountants' testimony, involving claims of breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, six counts of civil RICO, etc., culminating in a 2000 page transcript opinion.

In 17 years of private practice prior to ascending to the bench, concentrated in areas of complex business and commercial litigation and arbitration, complex reinsurance arbitration and insurance litigation, minority shareholder rights, restrictive covenants, environmental law, securities law, franchise law and probate law.

Dispute Resolution Experience

Prior to ascending to the bench, pursued several civil, NYSE, AMEX and FINRA arbitrations, involving reinsurance disputes, broker-customer disputes, and employment and licensing issues.

Manner of managing judicial caseload similar to non-judicial civil mediation and arbitration. Developed unique and highly successful Intensive Settlement Conference (ISC) paradigm that involved extensive “hands-on” judicial participation in mediation-like setting, employing salutary mediation principles. Presented programs and published in detail on the process. If ISC failed, expeditiously tried cases, the majority without a jury, and always with an expeditious opinion, primarily delivered orally from the bench, with extensive findings of fact and conclusions of law, and always in the presence of the parties to ensure their understanding of the process and the result.

In nearly three years since judicial retirement, mediated more than 45 complex matters, involving breach of restrictive covenants, environmental contamination, oppressed minority shareholder claims, will contests, breach of multi-million dollar software sales contract, age discrimination and unjust dismissal, personal injury, breach of commercial lease, and complex family matters involving support, custody, equitable distribution of closely held businesses.

Currently arbitrating as “wing” ICDR, complex commercial arbitration, involving American claimant and international corporations. Also currently arbitrating as sole arbitrator seven year old marital dissolution case and complex legal malpractice/partnership dispute.

Appointed a Mediator to the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Training

Columbia Law School, “International Commercial Arbitration,” (Prof. George A. Bermann), Fall Semester 2016 (audit);

11th Annual Fordham Law School Conference on International Arbitration and Mediation, October 2016;

Columbia Law School/Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Course on International Commercial Arbitration, June 6-10, 2016, NYC;

“Gain the Edge—Negotiating to Get What You Want,” NJICLE (6 hours), September 2016;

Global Pound Conference NYC, September 2016;

“International Arbitration—Expanding Your Practice,” ABA, Aug 2016;

“The Arbitration Hearing: What to Expect,” AAA, Aug 2016;

“Mediation FAQ: Top Five Questions Answered,” ABA, July 2016;

“Ethics and Professionalism in Mediation: Ethical Issues Faced by Mediators and Advocates,” AAA, July 2016;

“Mediation Advocacy,” AAA, July 2016;

NJCCU ADR Day: "International Mediation Today," "Handling the Challenge of Implicit Bias in ADR," "The Ethical Imperative of Cultural Awareness in ADR," June 2016; IMI Day: "What's New in International Mediation," June 2016; "How the Public Bankruptcy of Detroit Was Mediated," Garibaldi Inn of Court, May 2016; ABA Section of Dispute Resolution Annual Meeting: "Secrets of Success: Unique Problems in Commercial Arbitration and Best Practices for Managing Them," "Arbitration Update," "First Demands and First Offers—Striving for a Solid Start," "Secrets of Success: Ethical Problems That Arise in Arbitration and Strategies for Dealing With Them," "Legal Mediations Are Not Only About Money: Mediators and Advocates as Problem Solvers," "Dispositive Motions in Arbitration—When to File and When to Hear Them," "It's Only Money," "Unpacking, Mapping and Evaluating Conflicts," April 2016; "Ethical Considerations for Arbitrators, Mediators and Advocates," AAA, April 2016; ABA Section of International Law (SIL) Spring Meeting: "What You Don't Know Can Hurt You: Ethical Considerations When Choosing a Seat of Arbitration," "Proof of Foreign Law—A Comparison of the Approaches in the US Courts and in International Arbitration," April 2016; "Negotiation in Mediation: What Happens When Your Partner Stops Dancing," ABA, May 2016; "Ethics in Mediation," Garibaldi Inn of Court, March 2016; "Evaluations, Opinions, Observations, and Comments: When and How Mediators Use Analytical Techniques," ABA, March 2016; "What Is the Relevance of the Joint Opening Session in Today's Commercial Mediation Process?" ABA, March 2016; "Navigating the Evidence and Discovery Roadmap in Arbitration," AAA, March 2016; "Mediating Employment Cases in Federal District Court," ICLE, Mar 2016; AAA, "Dispositive Motions in Arbitration: Best Practices for Advocates & Arbitrators," AAA, Feb 2016; "Ethical Aspects to Consider While Building an Arbitration Practice," ABA Dec 2015; ABA SIL, "Evidence in International Arbitration and Implications for Confidentiality," ABA SIL, Oct 2015; ABA London Sessions, "Legal Ethics in the US and the UK," "A Live Action Primer on Trial Skills in the US and the UK," "Do American Lawyers Have Any Place Litigating or Arbitrating in a Foreign Jurisdiction?" "Independence of the Judiciary 800 Years After the Magna Carta," June 2015; "Closing the Deal: Getting to Yes (and Evading No!)," ABA, June 2015; "Negotiation in Mediations: What Happens When Your Partner Stops Dancing," ABA, May 2015; "What is the Relevance of the Joint Opening Session in Today's Commercial Mediation Process?" ABA, Feb 2015; "Before the Session Starts: How to Prepare for Mediation," ABA, Jan 2015; "Expand Your Mediation Practice," ABA, Oct 2014; ABA SIL Spring Meeting, "Resolving International IP-Related Disputes: What Is the Role for Investment Treaty Arbitration?" "Cultural Conflicts and Guerrilla Tactics in International Arbitration," "A Look at Many Exciting (and Some Troubling) New Developments in Dispute Resolution in China," "Between a Rock and a Hard

Place: Potential Impacts of International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution Trends on National Resource and Economic Strategies in Africa and Beyond,” “Cultural Issues in Cross-Border Negotiations—How to Avoid Being Lost in Translation of East-West Dialogues,” “Battle of the Fora: New Arbitration Centers and Arbitration-Friendly Decisions,” April 2014; New Jersey Supreme Court 40 Hour Civil Mediation Training to be completed in December 2016; additional 24 Hour Family Mediation Training completed in November 2016.

Professional Licenses

Admitted to the Bar: New Jersey, 1980; New York 1988; US District Court, District of NJ, 1980; US Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, 1984; US Tax Court, 1988; US Supreme Court, 1990.

Professional Associations

American Bar Association: Dispute Resolution Section; Section of International Law (Vice-Chair China Committee and Asia-Pacific Committee; Section Liaison to JAMS; Deputy to Chair-Elect); ABA Observer to the United Nations; ABA NGO Representative invited to UNCITRAL Working Group III (Online Dispute Resolution);
New Jersey State Bar Association: former Trustee, Program Committee Chair; Task Force on Status of Women Chair; member: Equity Jurisprudence Committee, Dispute Resolution Section, International Law Section;
Morris County Bar Association, Professionalism Committee Member;
NJ Institute for Continuing Legal Education, formerly on Board of Directors;
American Inns of Court: Marie Garibaldi ADR Inn, Stewart Pollock Environmental Inn (Co-founder, President, Master); Arthur Vanderbilt Inn (Master); Worrall Mountain Inn (Master);
Council of Foreign Relations, China Roundtable participant;
US-Asia Law Institute NYU Law School, China Lunchtime Seminar participant;
New Jersey Association of Professional Mediators;
National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals (application pending).

Education

Seton Hall School of Law, JD, cum laude (top 5%), Law Review, Moot Court Champion, 1980;
Stanford University, BA, Sociology, 1966.

Speaking Engagements

“Mediation in New Jersey: Keys to Effective Settlement Negotiations,” National Business Institute, December 2016;
“What’s Brewing in ‘Asia’s Cauldron’: The South China Sea?” Program Developer, ABA SIL, Tokyo, Oct 2016;
“International Custody Mediation,” IMI Day, June 2016;

“Western and Asian Mediation: In Pursuit of Justice and Peace in the House or Bypass to the Rule of Law?” ABA SIL, April 2016;
“Gender Harassment in NJ: Conduct and Cures,” HRIC (Human Rights in China), April 2016;
“Secrets of Effective Negotiation,” NJ State Bar Association (NJSBA), March 2016;
“Managing Cross-Cultural Fires in International Transactions,” ABA SIL, Montreal, Oct 2015;
“Many Faces of Cross-Cultural Mediation: An Alternative to Courtroom Drama,” ABA SIL/JAMS, August 2015;
“Getting to Yes...And Staying There!” NJSBA/ICLE, May 2015;
“Mediation in Complex Commercial Litigation Cases,” NJSBA, May 2014; NJSBA,
“Ten Things Every Attorney Should Know About International Law,” NJSBA, Dec 2014;
“Arbitration Roundtable: Japanese Perspectives,” ABA SIL, April 2014;
“Statute of Limitations Under the Spill Act,” Pollock Inn of Court, Feb 2014;

In addition, approximately 75 programs in various substantive areas, including restrictive covenants, oppressed shareholder issues, probate law, environmental law, commercial business litigation, case management, and family law, 1997-2013 for NJSBA, ICLE, National Center for State Courts, National Judicial College.

Publications and Awards

“Settlement Negotiation Strategies (and Mistakes),” NBI publication for “Mediation in New Jersey,” December 2016;
“Socialist Rule of Law With Chinese Characteristics,” International Law News, vol. 45, no. 1, Summer 2016;
“Judicial Involvement in Settlement Conferences,” NJSBA Bench- Bar Conference, 2001;
“Testamentary Influence: How Much Is Undue?” New Jersey Lawyer Magazine, April 1996;
“Irreparable Injury: Equity’s Slippery Slope,” New Jersey Lawyer Magazine, October 1994;
“Women in Private Law Firms: An Underdeveloped Asset,” New Jersey Lawyer Magazine, 1991.

ICLE Distinguished Service Award 2000; Fellow, American Bar Foundation (Life Member)