

Hon. Donald Kessler
Greenbaum Rowe Smith and Davis, LLP

Profession	Attorney, Mediator, Arbitrator, Retired Judge
Experience	<p>As a Chancery Division Judge, conducted non-jury trials, settlement conferences, hearings, and motions relating to commercial disputes involving issues such as contract, real estate, employment, discrimination, executive contract disputes, pensions, enforcement of restrictive covenants, corporate, partnership and LLC disputes, fraud, franchise practices, professional malpractice, insurance coverage, healthcare, construction, intellectual property, unfair trade practices, securities, banking, mortgages, constitutional claims and claims arising out of state and federal regulations and statutes.</p> <p>During 35 years of private practice, litigated complex commercial cases in state and federal courts including contract, construction, real property, employment, discrimination, misclassification of independent contractor, Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), wage and hour, healthcare, New Jersey Franchise Practices Act, fraud, anti-trust, unfair trade practices, corporate, partnership and LLC disputes, professional liability and probate matters. Handled medical related matters for over 25 years, including regulatory compliance, licensing and technology, physician and vendor contracting, medical records and hospital credentials and peer review matters.</p>
Professional Activities	<p>Served as instructor at the New Jersey Judicial College and as a lecturer for the New Jersey Institute of Continuing Legal Education on topics such as understanding diversity, sexual harassment and ADA issues, corporate, partnership and LLC disputes, when and how to use experts, valuing closely held businesses and deciding applications for temporary, interlocutory and permanent injunctions.</p> <p>Vice Chair (2017-2019) and member (2014-2019), New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Complementary Dispute Resolution; Member (2012 to the present), New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Women in the Courts; Chairman (1992-1994) and member (1988-1996), New Jersey State Board of Bar Examiners.</p>
Professional Licenses	Admitted to the Bar: New Jersey (1974); United States District Court, New Jersey (1974); United States Court of Appeals, Third Circuit (1979).
Professional Associations	American Bar Association; New Jersey Bar Association, Essex County Bar Association
Education	New York University School of Law (JD, Root Tilden Scholar-1974); Union College (BA, Magna Cum Laude-1971)