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Profession

Attorney, Arbitrator, Mediator, Retired Superior Court Judge

Current Employer/Title

Carmody Torrance Sandak & Hennessey LLP, Partner
January 2, 2020 – present

Work History

Judge of the Superior Court, State of Connecticut
January 1993 – January 1, 2020

Presiding Judge, Civil, Judicial District of Stamford/Norwalk
September 2011 – August 2017 Managed the Civil Docket for the Judicial District of Stamford/Norwalk, which consisted of over 3,000 cases. Assigned trials to the nine Superior Court Judges and Judge Trial Referees sitting in Stamford. Oversaw the Foreclosure Docket, which included the Foreclosure Mediation Program. Mediated and Pre-Tried cases.

Administrative Judge, Judicial District of Danbury
September 2003 – August 2008 Efficiently managed the Judicial District on matters affecting the fair administration of justice and disposition of cases. Mediated and Pre-Tried cases. Presided over civil and criminal cases.

Assistant Administrative Judge, Judicial District of Stamford/Norwalk
September 1998 – August 2003 Mediated and Pre-Tried cases. Presided over civil cases.

Managing Attorney, Law Office of Douglas C. Mintz
April 1981 – March 1982 & June 1987 – January 1993

Partner, Law Firm of Gartland and Mintz
March 1982 – June 1987

Professional Licenses

Bar Admissions and dates – Connecticut, October 1978

Professional Associations

American Arbitration Association
American Bar Association - Section of Dispute Resolution
Connecticut Bar Association
Fairfield County Bar Association
New Haven County Bar Association
Waterbury Bar Association

Education

Juris Doctor, Western New England College, School of Law
June 1978

Bachelor of General Studies, University of Michigan
May 1974

Experience

For almost 27 years as a Judge of the Superior Court, presided over, both, non-jury and jury trials of all varieties. Served as the Presiding Judge for Civil Matters in Stamford and Danbury, CT. Regularly encountered truly vexing conflicts and developed a unique approach to working through those situations.

Served as a State Representative from the 140th District in Norwalk, which provided invaluable experience in honing dispute resolution skills. As Vice-Chair of the Judiciary Committee, was able to bring together adverse parties to help write legislation that helped both sides. Used those skills, as a Judge, in 2008, to work collaboratively with the Legislature to craft legislation that created the Foreclosure Mediation Program (the first statewide mediation program in the nation). This Mediation Program was created in response to the mortgage foreclosure crisis of 2007-08 and helped thousands of families retain their homes.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Experience

As a Judge of the Superior Court, tried numerous bench trials, including, but not limited to, construction disputes, property disputes, personal injury dispute, land use appeals, probate appeals and dissolutions of marriage. Also presided over a multitude of mediations and settlement conferences.

Since retiring from the bench, was appointed as a Hearing Officer by a municipality to preside over a Disqualification of a Contractor Hearing and has acted as a mediator in more than ten proceedings involving varied disputes, including but not limited to, personal injury disputes, dissolution of business disputes, commercial property disputes, product liability dispute and an over 30 party subrogation dispute. Held multiple Online Resolution Dispute proceedings.