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PROFILE

Experienced attorney with 30+ years of litigation practice. As a trusted private mediator, I help individuals, corporations, and litigants find mutually beneficial solutions through mediation and other alternative dispute resolution techniques. Committed to fostering positive outcomes through a collaborative approach and promoting mutual understanding in diverse situations.

Admitted to practice in the State of New York and the U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York.

EMPLOYMENT

Founder and President, Wolf Mediation Corporation

August 2023 – Present

- Successfully mediated several cases to efficient and amicable resolutions
- Review and analyze opposing sides of disputes to objectively assess situations from a legal perspective
- Facilitate effective communication and negotiation through mediation sessions, implementing practical and innovative strategies to conflict resolution
- Analyze key issues and facts in disputes, lead productive group discussions and provide direction to disputing parties and their legal counsel for ultimate resolution

Confidential Law Clerk, New York State Supreme Court

January 2010 – August 2023

- Annually managed more than 400 cases from the preliminary conference stage through discovery and resolution
- Negotiated settlements of personal injury, matrimonial, contract disputes and other civil matters
- Reviewed, analyzed, and resolved motions brought before the Court
- Directly assisted in the research, writing and preparation of judicial decisions issued by the Court

Senior Trial Attorney, The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc.

September 1996 – October 2010

- Managed all aspects of litigation matters, including discovery, motions, depositions, trials, and appeals
- Directly managed hundreds of civil cases involving complex legal issues in the areas of municipal law, contract law, personal injury, and coverage disputes
- Conducted in-house audits and reporting in connection with office reviews for the company on a national level
- Developed comprehensive legal strategies for clients that resulted in favorable settlements
- Successfully tried over 20 cases, argued in excess of 25 appeals, and participated in 75-100 arbitrations
- Chosen as a neutral arbitrator for over 25 cases

Assistant District Attorney, Erie County District Attorney's Office

September 1992 – June 1996

- Prosecuted hundreds of criminal cases on behalf of the state, including felonies and misdemeanors
- Developed legal strategies and arguments in preparation for court proceedings, including reviewing evidence and preparing pleadings, briefs, and other legal documents
- Conducted hundreds of felony hearings and conferences

EDUCATION

Western New England School of Law, Springfield, MA

Juris Doctor, May 1991

Activities: Mock Trial Program; Moot Court Team; Legal Clinic

Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and Speech Communication, May 1988

Activities: Study Abroad Program at the Ithaca College London Center; Internship with a Member of the British Parliament

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

- Erie County Bar Association, *Member*
- New York State Bar Association, *Member*
- Western New York Women's Bar Association, *Member*
- Western New York Trial Lawyers Association, *Member*