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EDUCATION: BA Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts
JD State University of New York at Buffalo 1976

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Partner 1984-Present
Associate- 1977-1984
Concentrations- personal injury, both plaintiff and defense;
business disputes including wrongful termination and
Contract disagreements.

ARBITRATION/MEDIATION EXPERIENCE & TRAINING:

- 1.) Arbitration experience: I have been actively arbitrating cases since 1984 both privately and as a member of various organizations.
 - 2.) Mediator* training :
 - Empire Mediation and Arbitration
 - Rochester, New York (1994, 1996) (8 hours each)
 - The Eighth Judicial District (2001) (8 hours)
 - Dispute Settlement Center of Buffalo, New York (2002) (24 hours-3 days)
 - ABA Advanced Mediation and Advocacy Skills Training (2006 and 2009) (16.8 hours each)
 - Western District Federal Court training (3 days 2019)Approximately 100 hours of training to date
- *Mediation is a confidential, informal procedure in which a specially trained neutral helps adverse parties negotiate with each other to reach a mutually acceptable resolution.
- 3.) Neutral Evaluator training by Eighth Judicial District ADR (2008) (3 hours)
 - 4.) Panel member
 - 8th Judicial District Panel of Neutral Evaluators, Arbitrators & Mediators
 - Erie County Pilot Mediation Project (past)

American Arbitration Association (past)
Empire Mediation and Arbitration
Arbitration Forums
United Arbitration
Western New York Trial Lawyers Arbitration Panel
Western District of Federal Court Mediation Panel member

- 5.) Federal Settlement Week, Buffalo, New York 1996
Member of Steering Committee responsible for organizing
Settlement Week. I also mediated cases during Settlement Week.

- 6.) Organizations
ADR section of the American Bar Association
ADR committee of the Erie County Bar Association (I have
participated as a panel member in half day CLE programs as part of this committee in
both arbitration and mediation and have also participated as a panel member in a noonday
CLE for the Defense Trial Lawyers on the topic of practice tips for mediation)
ADR committee of the New York State Bar Association

References for Mediation:

United Arbitration, Inc., 1400 Old Country Road, Suite 102A, Westbury,
New York 11590, 516-332-7000
Susan G. Rooney, Esq., Nixon Peabody, 40 Fountain Plaza, Suite 500,
Buffalo, New York 14202, 716-853-8100
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References for Arbitration:

I have arbitrated hundreds of cases over the years. Please contact me for
references for particular types of cases.

Honors

2007 listed in Who's Who in the Arbitration/Mediation section of the Buffalo
Law Journal and Business First.

2007 selected as a neutral evaluator, arbitrator and mediator for the Eighth
Judicial District

2009 Listed in Who's Who in Law (Best Lawyers in Western New York) by Buffalo Law Journal and Business First in Arbitration/Mediation section.

2010 Listed in Who's Who in Law (Best Lawyers in Western New York) by Buffalo Law Journal and Business First in Arbitration/Mediation section.

2011 Listed in Who's Who in Law (Best Lawyers in Western New York) by Buffalo Law Journal and Business First in Arbitration/Mediation section.

2012 Listed in Who's Who in Law (Best Lawyers in Western New York) by Buffalo Law Journal and Business First in Arbitration/Mediation section

2013 Honoree 1st Annual Legal Elite by Buffalo Law Journal and Business First

Rated AV preeminent by my peers in Martindale-Hubbell

Rated Super Lawyer by my peers for Alternative Dispute Resolution Upstate Division 2011