



Robert A. Alston, Esq.

Friedman, Schuman, Applebaum & Nemeroff, P.C.

Current Employer-Title	Principal- Friedman, Schuman, PC
Profession	Attorney - Business, Employment, M&A, Info Technology, Insurance & Probate
Work History	Principal. 20 lawyer Friedman-Schuman, PC, 2017-present; Counsel, 30 lawyer Lamb McErlane PC, 2008-2016; Partner, Schumacker and Lunkenheimer, 1995-2007; Assistant General Counsel - Litigation, Unisys, 1984-94; Attorney, 30 lawyer Timoney, Knox, Hasson & Weand, 1980-84; Marketing Division Counsel and M & A team Counsel, Sperry Univac, 1976-80; Associate, Business and Litigation Departments, now 165 lawyer McNees, Wallace & Nurick, 1974-76; Field Claim Investigator, Employers Commercial Union Insurance Company, 1970-71.
Experience	Over 40 years of civil trial experience in state and federal courts and in AAA arbitrations. Several dozens of AAA arbitrations tried to Award as trial counsel, primarily involving Technology, Employment, Mergers and Acquisitions, Real Estate, Insurance and business matters. Extensive experience in major Information Technology disputes. Practices in Business and Employment law [representing employee/plaintiffs and employers in various employment contract, age discrimination, and sexual harassment disputes]. Approximately 10 years of experience, regularly representing insurers and individuals in disputes with insurers.
Alternative Dispute Resolution Experience	American Arbitration Association sole, chair and panelist arbitrator in hundreds of cases including performance of technology; employment; general corporate; M&A; Insurance; Environmental and real estate issues. Disputes range in value to hundreds of millions. As a mediator and arbitrator, processed several hundred claims over a one and one-half year period for a large life insurance class action that sent its disputes over individuals' recoveries to ADR. Regular Judge Pro Tem service in Settlement Conferences for 1st Judicial District's Commerce Court (B2B cases) & for Major Civil Jury cases scheduled for trial within 3 months. Experienced speaker for various Corporate Counsel and state Bar Association groups and for the American Arbitration Association on topics such as trying disputes in private Arbitration. Member of AAA Regional Commercial Advisory Committee since January 2000.
Alternative Dispute Resolution Training	"Advanced Mediation"- Center for Resolutions, 2017; AAA Effective Mediation From a Mediator's Perspective, 2017; AAA The "How To" of Presenting Damages in Arbitration; AAA The 31st Annual Joint Colloquium, NY, 2014; College of Commercial Arbitrators Annual Meeting, 2015, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006; ICDR, International Arbitration's Deliberations and Determinations; AAA Neutrals Conference; AAA Arbitrator Update; AAA Employment Arbitrator II Training; Advanced Case Management Issues; AAA Commercial Arbitrator

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Training; AAA Employment Arbitrator Training; presenter Delaware Valley Corporate Counsel Association/AAA Arbitration Techniques; speaker for Pennsylvania Bar Association and County Bar Associations, on Commercial Arbitration multiple times including in 2016; AAA Large Complex Case Panel Training; AAA Advanced Arbitrator Training; various other ADR training.

Professional Licenses

Admitted to the Bar: Pennsylvania, 1974; U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 1976; U.S. Supreme Court, 1998; U.S. Tax Court, 1979; Third Circuit, 1982.

Professional Associations

Member, National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals; Judge Pro Tem, First Judicial District Court Major Jury Settlement Conference program and in Commerce Court in Philadelphia; Fellow - College of Commercial Arbitrators; Computer Law Association; Montgomery County Bar Association (Corporate Counsel; ADR Committee, Past Chair); American Bar Association (Litigation Section, Arbitration Committee); Pennsylvania Bar Institute (Corporate and Business and ADR Committees); Delaware Valley Corporate Counsel Association (Past Board Member).

OTHER: Board of Supervisors, Finance & Pension Committees Senior Member in Township of Residence; Board Member and Past President of Local Chamber of Commerce.

Education

Villanova University (BA, Honors Program) [Presidential Scholar - four year full tuition merit scholarship]; University of Pittsburgh (JD, cum laude and Law Review Editorial Board); Temple University (LL.M., Taxation).

Publications and Speaking Engagements

"Property Law Survey," UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH LAW REVIEW.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS: Presentations for the American Arbitration Association, Pennsylvania Bar Institute, several County Bar Associations and Delaware Valley Corporate Counsel Association on AAA Arbitration Practice and 2017 Health Lawyers Pa. Bar Institute.

Awards and Honors

Main Line Today Best Lawyers 2016 - ADR

**Citizenship
Languages
Locale**

United States of America
English
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania, United States of America

Compensation

Hearing:	\$375.00/Hr
Study:	\$375.00/Hr
Travel:	\$0.00/Hr
Cancellation:	\$750.00/Day
Cancellation Period:	14 Days
Comment:	

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