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## **EMPLOYMENT**

June 2002 to Present	Rossi, Crowley, Sancimino & Kilgannon, LLP (f/k/a Rossi & Crowley, LLP) – Partner
March 1985 to May 2002	Canfield, Venusti, Madden & Rossi, LLP and predecessor firm; Associate - 1985 to 1988; Partner 1989 to 2002
October 2013-Present	St. John's University School of Law, Adjunct Professor of Law

## **ARBITRATION & MEDIATION**

American Arbitration Association 1988-present	Member, Panels of Commercial & Construction Arbitrators (1988) & Mediators (approx. 1993)
New York State Supreme Court Commercial Division - N.Y. & Queens Counties 2002-2012; 2019-Present	Member, Panel of Commercial Mediators
Chartered Institute of Arbitrators	Fellow

## **Mediation Experience**

Served as mediator on more than 250 matters principally involving commercial, construction and design, corporate dissolutions, employment, insurance, partnership, professional malpractice, property damage, real estate, trust and estates and general commercial matters including numerous complex multi-party disputes

Claims have included dispute concerning a major structural failure on a new building construction project in Manhattan; dispute between joint venture partners over cost overruns and alleged over billings on a municipal infrastructure project; dispute between family members concerning decedent's estate and claims of misuse of POA; dispute between university and its construction manager and major subcontractor over delays and design deficiencies concerning the construction of a new academic building; dispute between three adjoining owners of

landmark properties over an alleged easement for waste, water and gas pipes; dispute between key employee and employer over calculation of bonuses due under an employment contract; multi-party dispute between municipality, contractor and design professional concerning waterfront renewal project; dispute between general contractor on a New Jersey highway restoration project and manufacturer/supplier of prefabricated components; dispute between contractor and owner concerning design deficiencies and cost over-runs in connection with the construction of a multi-story medical facility; multi-party dispute between shopping center developer, general contractor and several subcontractors concerning new construction and renovation of existing suburban shopping center; dispute between a real estate developer, construction manager and end-user/box retailer concerning a new development in Queens County, New York; dispute between two A/E firms over fees concerning a large NYC municipal project; numerous claims between owners and design professionals over alleged design deficiencies and professional malpractice; multi-party claim concerning a structural failure at a casino renovation project; numerous disputes involving luxury housing; dispute between a contractor and a consulting engineering firm concerning selection and design of a tower crane for a new high-rise construction project; dispute between a developer and an architectural firm concerning alleged over-design in violation of zoning ordinance of a project rejected after construction by municipality after audit; dispute among multiple family members/owners concerning the dissolution of a business and distribution of its assets; dispute between a steel fabricator and a design-build contractor concerning a public works project; dispute between an owner and a design-build contractor concerning the construction of a new sports facility; a dispute between owner/developer of food distribution center and engineer over design of a new warehouse/distribution center; a dispute between developer and manufacturer of prefabricated storage facilities over new construction/erection project; a dispute between the buyer and seller of a service provider concerning valuation of existing contracts; several disputes concerning commercial property damage claims; dispute between owners of high end condominium project, contractors and design professionals over structural failure of interior ceiling system; multi-party dispute between owner, construction manager, general contractor and numerous subcontractors concerning construction of a new suburban hotel; dispute between contractor and owner over renovation of landmarked NYC hotel; dispute between real estate developer and foreign manufacturer concerning sale and installation of highly-complex medical imaging equipment

### **Arbitration Experience**

Member of the American Arbitration Association's Commercial and Construction Panels of Arbitrators and served as chairperson and panelist on more than 200 disputes including numerous large and complex construction, design, government contract, real estate, insurance, property damage, international sale, and employment disputes. Construction projects include industrial, transit facilities, schools, highway, universities, bridge, health care facilities, medical imaging facilities, performing arts facilities, office buildings, affordable housing, high-end retail, sports complexes, high-end residential.

General commercial disputes have involved international sales contracts, business dissolutions, employment contracts, government contracts, insurance, real estate development disputes, property damage claims.

## **LAW PRACTICE**

Over 35 years of experience as civil trial attorney and commercial practitioner with a concentration in commercial, construction, design, government contracts, real estate, trusts and estates and labor & employment.

**Construction & Design:** Representation of contractors, subcontractors, design professionals, owners, sureties, and insurers involving public and private projects. Projects included industrial, infrastructure, bridges, schools, affordable housing, sports facilities, museums, hospitals, medical, performing arts auditoriums, office, retail, and high-end home construction. Disputes involved changed conditions, complex delays, design defects, A/E and surveyor malpractice, subcontractor claims, convenience and default terminations, labor, licensing and responsibility, surety bond claims, and lateral support of adjoining structures.

**Real Estate:** Represent owners and real estate related business entities in real estate disputes concerning sales, leasing, mortgages, property damage claims, and valuations; representation of title insurance companies and their insureds in title claims litigation; transactional real estate matters concerning commercial and residential sales/purchases, financing and leasing matters

**Labor & Employment:** Drafting and negotiation of employment contracts; defend and prosecute claims of employment discrimination; prevailing wage disputes; FLSA/state law labor violations

**General Commercial and Corporate:** Serve as general counsel to a variety of businesses including manufacturers, professional services firms, real estate professionals and construction and design firms; forming corporations and LLCs, negotiations and preparation of shareholder agreements, LLC operating agreements, buy/sell agreements, contracts for the sale of businesses; contested trust and estates matters including will contests, misuse of powers-of-attorney, contested accountings

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

New York State Bar Association; Commercial and Federal Litigation and ADR Sections

Member NYS Grievance Committee for the Second  
Eleventh & Thirteenth Judicial Districts - March 2014 to February 2021

NYC Community Planning Board 5 - Member of Board and Land Use Committee  
2000-2014

Columbian Lawyers Association      Past President, Current Member of Board & Scholarship  
Committee

## **EDUCATION & BAR ADMISSIONS**

May 1982 Fordham University – BA (English)

May 1985 St. John’s University - JD

Admitted to New York State Bar - February 1986

Member of the Bars of the Federal District Courts for the Eastern, Southern and Northern Districts of New York and Second Circuit Court of Appeals