

KRISTA GOTTLIEB, ESQ.
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Krista Gottlieb has been an attorney and an “issue resolver” for over 28 years. Since moving from New York City to Buffalo in 1986, she has been with the firm of Mattar, D’Agostino & Gottlieb, LLP, a partner since 1990. Her partnership affords her hands on experience in the management of business and employees. For the past 13 years Ms. Gottlieb has become a “formal” neutral as an arbitrator, and, most frequently, as a mediator. She continues as an advocate, litigator and negotiator for a general business, corporate, employment, discrimination and commercial clientele.

Gottlieb was involved with the creation and implementation of the Mediation and ADR programs now available in the US District Court for the Western District of New York and the NYS 8th Judicial District. She now serves on both of those panels, as well as the neutral panels of AAA, BBB, EEOC, DHR, National Arbitration Forum and USPS.



Gottlieb has been named by the local bar to the “Who’s Who in Law” for Mediation/ADR (*Buffalo Business First and Law Journal*) and “The New York Area’s Best Lawyers” (*New York Magazine Special Supplement*). Her mediation teaching experience encompasses training for the Cornell School of Labor Relations, basic mediator training courses, including one for the Commercial Division of the 8th Judicial District, speaking engagements and authoring mediation and conflict resolution articles.

Gottlieb received her B.A., cum laude, in 1976 from Barnard College and her J.D. in 1979 from Albany Law School of Union University. She is admitted to practice in the U.S. District Court, Southern, Eastern, Northern and Western Districts of New York and U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

MATTAR, D'AGOSTINO & GOTTLIEB, LLP - Buffalo, NY 1986-Present

Partner in full service general practice firm. Primary emphasis on wide ranging civil, employment, consumer, contractual, corporate and commercial negotiation, mediation, arbitration and all aspects of litigation and enforcement. Concentration on counseling, strategies, problem solving, dispute avoidance and resolution, in and outside of litigation. Professional supervision and office management. Representative clients include full spectrum of individuals, organizations, industry and businesses (profit and not-for-profit).

MORITT, WOLFELD & RESNICK - Garden City, NY 1983-1985

Responsibility for entire range of general practice, notably in corporate and commercial fields. All aspects from pre-formation, through varied business transactions, to substantial state and federal litigation. Included private and public offerings, selected securities work, contracts, real estate and bankruptcy. Clients included public and closely held corporations, private and public sector contractors.

REICH, ROSEN, BARRISON & FELZEN - New York, NY 1982-1983

Civil practice with concentration on litigation, contracts, real estate, corporate and commercial matters. Independent responsibility for cases and all aspects of federal and state litigation, appeals, arbitration and bankruptcy. Supervision of out of state cases. Clientele included domestic and foreign businesses, lenders, distributors, builders, real estate firms and estates

FISHER & FISHER - Brooklyn, NY 1979-1982

General civil, trial and appellate practice before courts, administrative agencies and in arbitration. Emphasis on contracts, commercial and corporate. Individual responsibility for full caseload, clients and litigation. Supervision of law clerks. Significant clients included banks, contractors, government agencies, including New York City Metropolitan Transportation Authority and Urban Development Corporation.

BALLON, STOLL & ITZLER - New York, NY Summers 1977 & 1978

General practice and bankruptcy. 1978 - Advancement to managerial position. Court appearances, conferences and small caseload. 1977 - Client contact, research and drafting of documents and memoranda of law.

PROBATE COURT & PRIVATE PRACTITIONERS - Portland, ME - Summer 1975

Assistant at probate court. Independent legal researcher for private firms and practitioners.

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

ALBANY LAW SCHOOL - Juris Doctor, 1979

Honors: Moot Court Semi-finalist; Law Review Candidate; Conference Coordinator for International Law Symposium; Assistant to editor of "Practitioner's Handbook"

BARNARD COLLEGE - B.A., 1976, Political Science - International Relations and Law

Honors: Cum Laude; Dean's List 1974-1976

ADR TRAINING TAKEN

MEDIATION

Basic Mediation Skill Training

40.0 Hours - Divorce Mediation Training Associates - 1995 - Basic Mediation & Divorce

25.0 Hours - BBB CDRC - 1995 - Basic Mediation & Conflict Resolution

Advanced & Specialized Mediation & Related

28.0 Hours - WDNy Mediation Training - 11/17-19/05 - CPR Institute - A. Glass & M. Shaw

18.0 Hours - Employment & Discrimination - EEOC & Cornell School of ILR - 3/10 - 11/98

20.0 Hours - Transformative Mediation - US Postal Service "Redress" Training - 10/6-7/98

3.5 Hours - Advanced Mediation Skills - BBB CDRC - 5/31/97

8.0 Hours - Federal Court "Settlement Week" - Empire Mediation & Arbitration, Inc. - 1995

ARBITRATION

AAA ARBITRATOR WORKSHOPS

- 8.0 Hours - Arbitration Training - 7/26/00
- 12.0 Hours - Master Arbitrator Training II - 11/20-21/02
- 10.0 Hours - Various on-line update training in 2003-2006

NASD Arbitration Training - 8.0 Hours - NASD - 6/4/03
Arbitration of Employment Disputes - 8.0 Hours - ABA - 10/18/01
Fee Dispute Arbitration Training - 8.0 Hours - 8th Judicial District - 9/20/00
Property Division Arbitration Training - 6.0 Hours - BBB - 6/7/01

ADVANCED & ADDITIONAL ADR TRAINING

MEDIATION, ARBITRATION & CONFLICT MANAGEMENT - BBB CDRC

- 3.5 Hours - CDRC Mediation/Arbitration Update - 1996
- 3.5 Hours - Domestic Violence Issues for Mediations - 5/21/96
- 6.0 Hours - Negotiations & Mediation Skills - 11/97
- 3.0 Hours - Mediation Master Class - 10/22/02

IRRA - CORNELL SCHOOL OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

- 6.0 Hours - Multi-Party Facilitation Training - 1996 (Lawson)
- 6.0 Hours - Conflict Resolution for Labor Practice - 2/97
- 6.0 Hours - Fact Finding and Conflict Resolution - 2/24/98
- 3.0 Hours - "Training the Trainer" - Techniques for Teaching Adults - Cornell - 5/21/01

INTERNATIONAL ADR CONFERENCES

- 20.0 Hours - ABA ADR - 11 Workshops and Seminars - NYC, NY 4/15-17/04
- 24.0 Hours - ACR ADR - 13 Workshops and Seminars - Toronto 10/11-13/01
- 25.0 Hours - ABA ADR - 14 Workshops and Seminars - Washington, D.C. 4/24-5/1/01
- 12.0 Hours - ABA ADR - Advanced Mediation and Advocacy Training - Toronto 10/19&20/06

ADR TRAINING, PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS GIVEN

April 21, 2009	"Lawyers Look at Mediation" - ECBA Noonday Presenter
April 17, 2009	Local Component of WDNY Mediator Training - Panel Presenter
February 3, 2009	"Employment Law Update in NY" Mediation - Sterling Education Services
January 21, 2009	"Mediation: Let's Make a Deal" - ECBA & 8th Judicial District Program
June 27, 2008	"How to Optimize Mediation in your Employment Case" - ECBA Labor Law
October 19&20, 2006	"Advanced Mediation & Advocacy Skills Training" - ABA conf - Toronto
May 13, 2006	"Mediation - a BETTER way!" "Law Line" WNED guest speaker
April 26, 2006	Guest lecturer on "Settlement" - Judge Foschio - Federal Pre-Trial Class
February 24, 2006	"Coach" for Center for Resolution & Justice basic Mediation Training
June 11, 2005	Hands on Training Component of "ADR: It's Time Has Come" - ECBA
2001- Present	Drafting & Creation of ADR Program for the Western District of NY Fed Ct
2000 - Present	Judge / Mediator / Coach / Advisor in ABA Intramural Mediation Competition
1998 - Present	Guest Lecturer-UB Law School-Employment, Civil & Commercial Mediation
June 11, 2005	"ADR: Its time has come - ADR in the Courts and Your Practice"
October 1, 2003	ADR Guest Lecturer SUNY School of Architecture and Planning

March 21, 2003	<i>"Mediation Can Lead To Win Win Situations"</i> Article in Buffalo Business First and Buffalo Law Journal
March 15, 2003	<i>"Recent developments in ADR - Locally & Globally"</i> Labor & Employment Symposium - ECBA
January 30, 2003	<i>"ADR: Resolving Problems Efficiently and Effectively in NY"</i> - Lorman
October 23, 2002	<i>"Buffalo Niagara Mediation Open Forum"</i> - Public Forum on ADR
August 18, 2001	<i>"Mind over Myth"</i> - Ch. 7 TV show about ADR with Eileen Fleischmann
June 1, 2001 +	Trainer for NY State 8th Judicial District Commercial Division <u>25 hour Basic Mediation training</u> for 26 litigators and a Judge
1999 - 2001	Co-teaching Mediation I & II classes & <u>25 hour basic Mediation Training</u> at Cornell University School of Industrial & Labor Relations - Western Region
1998 - 2002	Co-Chairperson of ADR Committee of the Erie County Bar Association
February 14, 2001	<i>"ADR in Your Back Yard: Update and Overview of Local ADR Programs Now Available"</i> - Moderator and Organizer
December 12, 2000	<i>"Q & A on ADR at EEOC & DHR"</i> - to ECBA Labor Law Committee
May 9, 2000	<i>"Avoid Confrontation - Consider Mediation"</i> Workshop Kenmore Schools Staff Developmental Center
March 14, 2000	<i>Employment Law / Diversity Training / ADR Options</i> Training for Buffalo & Fort Erie Public (Peace) Bridge Authority
February 5, 2000	<i>Commercial Litigation and the Role of Alternative Dispute Resolution</i> ECBA CLE Seminar - Presenter/Lecturer
Fall 1999	Participant in drafting and implementation of Neutral referral list for the Eight Judicial District - Commercial Division - Neutral Panel
April 24, 1999	<i>War & Peace: The Business of Conflict Resolution in the New Millennium</i> ECBA / Erie Institute - Lecturer
February 27, 1999	<i>ADR: You Don't Always Have To Tell It To The Judge</i> - "Law Line" Guest
Fall 1996 - 1998	Participant in creation of Erie County/8th Judicial District ADR Pilot Project
1995 - 1997	Co-Chair of Mediation Subcommittee of ADR Committee of the ECBA
October 30, 1996	<i>Alternative Dispute Resolution: Perhaps a Better Way to Resolve Your Disputes</i> - Lecturer at "People's Law School"
May, 1996	<i>Mediation for the General Practitioner</i> - Published in the "Bar Bulletin"
June 12, 1996	<i>Attorney's Role in ADR</i> - ECBA Noonday Presentation - Lecturer
January 19, 1996	Participant at Hearings on ADR Court Project
November 9, 1995	People's Law School ADR Presentation - Presenter
October, 1995	Mediator for "Settlement Week" for USDC for the Western District of NY
June 16, 1995	<i>Pre and Post Dispute ADR Alternatives</i> - ECBA - Lecturer

ADR PANELS - Arbitration & Mediation

AAA	-	American Arbitration Association (1990 - Present)
WDNY	-	WDNY Certified Court Mediator (2005 Pilot project - Present)
COURT	-	Eighth Judicial District ADR Panel (1996 Inception - Present) Eighth Judicial District Commercial Division Panel (2001 Inception - Present) Eighth Judicial District Fee Dispute Resolution / Arbitration Panel (1996 - Present)
EEOC	-	Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (1998 Inception - Present)
DHR	-	NY State Division of Human Rights (1999 Inception - Present)
MWI	-	Mediation Works Incorporated Employment Panel
ECBA	-	Erie County Bar Association Neutral Panels (1995 - Present) Mediation & Arbitration
BBB	-	Better Business Bureau of Western NY Commercial Panel (1996 - Present) Community Dispute Resolution & Family Court Panel - Child & Family Services
USPS	-	US Postal Service <i>Redress</i> Mediation Program (1998 - 2001)
FINRA	-	Formerly NASD (2003 - Present)

FORUM - National Arbitration Forum (2005 - 2009)

PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS

- Honors:** Buffalo Law Journal & Business First “Who’s Who in Law” 2007 - Present - Mediation/ADR
The Best Lawyers in the New York Area - NY Magazine 2007 - Present - Mediation/ADR
The Best Lawyers in America 2004 - Present - Including ADR - one of 4 in Buffalo
Who is Who in American Lawyers 1990- Present.
United Who is Who - Empowering Executives & Professionals 2005 - Present.
Marquis Who’s Who - 2004 - Present
Madison Who’s Who - 2005 - Present
Who’s Who in American Women - 2005 - Present
Who’s Who Among Executive and Professional Women - 2008 – Present
- Admitted:** New York State Bar; United States District Courts for the Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Districts of New York; United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit; *Pro HacVice* Admissions.
- Member:** Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR, formerly Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution (SPIDR) and Academy of Family Mediators (AFM)); Western New York Association for Divorce and Family Mediators (1995-2000); New York State Dispute Resolution Association, Inc. (NYSDRA; American Bar Association (ABA); New York State Bar Association; Erie County Bar Association, former Co-Chair of Mediation Subcommittee (1995-1998), Co-Chair of the ADR Committee (1998-2002); Co-Chair of the ADR Committee’s WDNY ADR Program development subcommittee (2002-Present) and 8th Judicial District ADR program subcommittee (2003-Present); Women’s Bar Association; National Association for Female Executives; Ask-Women; American Association of University Women; Judges and Lawyers Breast Cancer Alert.