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## **ADMISSIONS**

New York State Bar, 1985  
United States District Court, Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, 1988

## **EXPERIENCE**

**BASS & ABRAMS, P.C.**, Attorneys at Law, Croton-On-Hudson, New York  
**Member/Attorney**, 2006 – Present (formerly The Law Office of Mark K. Bass 1990-2006)  
The firm practices in the areas of personal injury litigation (plaintiff and defense), collaborative divorce, civil collaborative practice, mediation, real estate, commercial transactions, bank closings, wills and estate practice. The types of litigation cases handled include, but are not limited to, personal injury, wrongful death, civil rights violations, police brutality and false arrest, premises liability, products liability, property damage as well as auto and train accidents. The firm has represented the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, New York City Transit Authority, Manhattan and Bronx Surface Transit Operating Authority, The Triboro Bridge and Tunnel Authority, and Staten Island Rapid Transit Operating Authority, as Of Counsel since 1990 in their negligence defense litigation, including trials, examinations before trial, file reviews and motion practice. The firm represents Plaintiffs in personal injury litigation.

Mark Bass is a trained mediator. Mark is a mediator for the Storm Sandy Mediations administered by the American Arbitration Association. The Storm Sandy mediations involve disputes between the Insurance Company and the Insured for damages to property (real and personal), as well as business loss arising out of Storm Sandy. Mark also mediates divorce matters and business disputes.

### **FINKELSTEIN, LEVINE, GITTELSON & TETENBAUM, Newburgh, New York**

**Trial Attorney**, January 1989 - July 1990

Trial lawyer in a Plaintiff's personal injury practice. Responsible for trials, examinations before trial, court conferences and case evaluations, handled a case load in excess of one hundred cases from pre-filing of the Note of Issue to trial.

### **NEW YORK CITY LAW DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL**

**Tort Division**, Brooklyn, New York

**Assistant Corporation Counsel**, October 1984 - December 1988

Responsible for the defense of the City of New York and its Agencies in tort claims, including trials, examinations before trial, motion practice, court conferences, and case evaluations. The types of cases included civil rights violations, false arrest and assaults, motor vehicle accidents, sidewalk and roadway defects, trip and fall cases, school liability and property damage. Promoted to Tort Trial Specialist.

## **EDUCATION**

**BENJAMIN N. CARDOZO SCHOOL OF LAW**, New York, New York

J.D. June 1984

Clinical Program: National Institute of Trial Advocacy Training

**STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE AT BUFFALO**, Buffalo, New York  
B.A. Political Science, August 1979  
Provisional Teaching Certification Social Studies Secondary Education  
Honors: Dean's List 1978 and 1979  
Resident Hall Judiciary member 1977

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Board member of the Hudson Valley Collaborative Divorce & Dispute Resolution Association  
Past Co-Chair of the Hudson Valley Collaborative Divorce & Dispute Resolution Association (2008-2010)  
Board Member of the New York Civil Collaborative Group  
Member of the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals (IACP)  
Member of the Collaborative Divorce Group of Westchester and Putnam Counties  
Member of the Dutchess County Collaborative Divorce Group  
Member of the New York State Bar Association  
Member of the Collaborative Practice Committee of the Dispute Resolution Section of the New York State Bar Association

## **PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Trainer: “Basic Interdisciplinary Collaborative Divorce Training” (Hudson Valley Collaborative Divorce & Dispute Resolution Association, 2013).

Trainer: “Streamlining the Collaborative Divorce Process: The Roadmap” (Maryland Collaborative Practice Council, 2013).

Co-author of “The Breakup of a Business Doesn’t Need to be Brutal! There is a Better Alternative: Collaborative Law” (2012).

Presenter: “Introduction to Collaborative Divorce and Civil Collaborative Practice” (Orange County, NY, CLE 2012).

Presenter: “Roadmap of the Collaborative Divorce Process” (IACP Forum, San Francisco California, 2011).

Trainer: “Basic Collaborative Divorce Interdisciplinary Training” (Hudson Valley Collaborative Divorce & Dispute Resolution Association, 2011).

Faculty member for IACP teleconference 2011 “Effective Practice Group Meetings, How to Keep Your Members Coming Back!”.

Co-author of the “Road Map of the Collaborative Divorce Process” (2009).

Author of “Creative Strategies for Enrolling the Reluctant Spouse in the Collaborative process, IACP Collaborative Review, Volume 9, Issue 5, Spring 2007.

Presenter: “The Reluctant Spouse: Solving the Problem and Expanding Collaborative Practice” (IACP Forum, Toronto Canada, 2007).

Presenter: “Marketing Collaborative Practice” (Hudson Valley Collaborative Divorce & Dispute Resolution Association, 2006).

## **EDUCATOR**

### **MARYMOUNT COLLEGE OF FORDHAM UNIVERSITY, Tarrytown, New York**

**Adjunct Assistant Professor**, January 2001 - May 2003

Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Politics Program. Teaching classes in "American Government", and "Public Policy Making". Teaching and designing classes in "American Judicial Process" and "Constitutional Law and Civil Rights/Liberty".

### **WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Valhalla, New York**

**Adjunct Instructor**, Fall 2001

Adjunct Professor in the Behavioral and Social Sciences Department. Teaching American Government.

### **MERCY COLLEGE, Dobbs Ferry, New York**

**Adjunct Lecturer**, September 1996 - January 2001

Adjunct Professor in the Civic and Cultural Studies Department. Teaching Political Science, with an emphasis in American Government and the Constitution.

## **ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) TRAINING**

Advanced Mediation Training: Exploring Interests (2013) by Sequoia Stadler, Esq.

Advanced Mediation Training for Mediators (2013) by Richard M. Calkins, Esq.

Advanced Collaborative Practice Training: Interest Based Negotiating (2013) by Kathryn Miller, Esq.

Advanced Mediation Training; Understanding Resistance and Moving Beyond Impasse (2012) by Nina Meierding, MS, JD.

Advanced Collaborative Practice Training: Exploring Collaborative Advocacy (2012) Sherri Goren Slovin, JD., Victoria Smith, JD, C. Med., cert CFM (FMC).

Advanced Collaborative Practice Training: One Coach Model: A Collaborative Practice Paradigm Shift for Mental Health Professionals, Attorneys and Financial Specialists ( 2010) by Linda Solomon, LPC, FMFT.

Advanced Collaborative Practice Training: Social Science Meets Family Law (2010) by Joan P. Kelly, Ph.D.

Advanced Collaborative Practice Training: Meeting the Unique Needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, Transgender and Transsexual (LGBT) Clients in the Collaborative Process (2010) by Mariette Gelenhuys, Esq.

Basic Training in Divorce Mediation (2009) by Steven Abel, Esq.

Advanced Collaborative Practice Training: Collaborative Endgame Training (2009), by Kathryn Miller, Esq.

Advanced Collaborative Practice Training: Domestic Violence and the Collaborative Practitioner (2009) by Jane Aoyama-Martin, Esq., Tamara Mitchell, Esq., Deborah Hope Wayne, Esq., Gay French-French-Ottaviani, LCSW, CP, Jeffrey Steiger LCSW.

Advanced Mediation Training: Custody and Visitation Mediation (2008) Jenny Besch, BA, MS.

Advanced Collaborative Practice Training: Advanced Interdisciplinary Training (2008) Maria Alba-Fisch, Ph.D., Allison Bell, Ph.D, Micki McWade, LCSW, Patricia Thomas, Ph.D.

Basic Mediation Training (2007) Jenny Besch, BA, MS, Monica Rickenberg, Esq., Kathryn M. Keener, BA, MS.

Mediation Training for Collaborative Professionals (2005) Kathryn Lazar, Esq, Dan McCabe, Esq., Richard Mandel, Esq., Maria Alba-Fisch, Ph.D., Micki McWade, LCSW, Diane Drake, CDP.

Basic Interdisciplinary Collaborative Divorce Training (2004) Kathryn Lazar, Esq., Dan McCabe, Esq., Richard Mandel, Esq., Maria Alba-Fisch, Ph.D., Micki McWade, LCSW, Diane Drake, CDP.

Basic Collaborative Law Training (2004) Kathryn Lazar, Esq., Dan McCabe, Esq., Richard Mandel, Esq., Maria Alba-Fisch, Ph.D., Micki McWade, LCSW, Diane Drake, CDP.