

Appellate Division, First Department Special Masters

Hon. E. Leo Milonas (Ret.)

Chair, Pre-Argument Mediation Program.

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After 26 years as a judge in New York State, including 16 years as an associate justice at the Appellate Division, First Department and as chief administrative judge of the State of New York, Judge Milonas, who has vast experience as a mediator, having mediated and arbitrated hundreds of cases in a broad variety of complex commercial matters, began serving as a voluntary special master and chair of the special master's program. He is a graduate Brooklyn Law School and the City College of New York.

Tamar Finkelstein, Esq.

Director, Pre-Argument Mediation Program.

Tamar Finkelstein has been employed by the Appellate Division, First Department since August 2007. Prior to her appointment as Special Master, Ms. Finkelstein served as a Principal Court Attorney, in which capacity she analyzed, reported on, and made recommendations on appeals and motions before the First Department in all areas of law, including commercial litigation, labor law, and personal injury. Ms. Finkelstein's prior work experience includes working as an associate at Neufeld & O'Leary (now known as Neufeld, O'Leary & Giusto), a boutique firm with diverse areas of practice including litigation, commercial and real property transactions, and the representation of professional athletes and agents. Ms. Finkelstein has also worked in the areas of insurance defense and personal injury. Ms. Finkelstein earned her J.D. from Boston University School of Law, *cum laude*, in 1994, and her B.A., with distinction, from SUNY at Binghamton in 1990. She is admitted to the bars of New York State, the U.S. Southern and Eastern Districts of New York and Massachusetts (retired).

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Mitchell J. Auslander is senior counsel in the Litigation Department of Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP. Mr. Auslander's commercial litigation practice focuses on insurance and reinsurance matters worldwide, and investigations. Mr. Auslander is recognized nationally for his litigation talents and ability to resolve complex commercial disputes amicably. He is the author of the "Litigation Avoidance and Prevention" chapter of the highly acclaimed treatise *Commercial Litigation in New York Courts* and has received many awards in recognition of his experience in the fields of commercial litigation and insurance.

Hon. Harold B. Beeler (Ret.)

Hon. Harold Beeler is a voluntary special master, who, after serving as a New York State Judge for more than two decades, became a mediator, who in addition to serving as a special master, serves as a hearing officer for National Arbitration and Mediation (NAM), specializing in personal injury and commercial mediation. Additionally, Judge Beeler is a private mediator and mediates cases involving family law and matrimonial matters. Judge Beeler is a graduate of Harvard Law School, J.D. *cum laude*, New York University Law School, Masters in Taxation, and University of Michigan, BA, *magna cum laude*.

Michael D. Blechman, Esq.

Mr. Blechman is an independent mediator/arbitrator who was a former partner at Kaye Scholer LLP (now Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP). Mr. Blechman has mediated numerous cases, serving on mediation panels of the American Arbitration Association, Commercial Divisions of the NYS Supreme Court, New York County and Westchester County, and the Federal District Court for the Southern District of New York. He has also served as a hearing officer, September 11 Victims Compensation fund. He is a graduate of Harvard Law School, Harvard College, and Free University of Berlin where he was a Fulbright Fellow.

Jeffrey L. Braun, Esq.

Mr. Braun has been a commercial litigator for nearly 50 years and has extensive experience in contract and business tort disputes and matters relating to real estate law and land use and environmental regulation. He was a partner at Rosenman & Colin LLP (a predecessor firm to Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP) and then Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP and, as of January 2024, is counsel to Abell Eskew Landau LLP. He is a member of the City Bar Fund board and was appointed a Special Master by the Appellate Division, First Department, in 2023. He served as law clerk to Judge Harry Pregerson of the U.S. District Court in Los Angeles (later of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit) and is a graduate of Rutgers College (summa cum laude) and Yale Law School.

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Mr. Christensen is a former litigation partner (currently Senior Counsel) at Seward & Kissel LLP. He has been a Special Master at the Appellate Division, First Department since 2019. He has had substantial experience in litigating a wide range of disputes in the commercial and financial services areas. He is a graduate of Brooklyn Law School and prior to that received degrees from Columbia University and Dartmouth College

David A. Crichlow, Esq.

Mr. Crichlow has 30 years experience as a litigation partner at Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP, representing a wide range of commercial clients in federal, and state courts throughout the country, as well as before administrative agencies and arbitration tribunals. His matters typically involve disputes in the financial services sector, the oil and gas industry, and in bankruptcy proceedings. Mr. Crichlow is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School, and Hofstra University.

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Mr. Crowley is senior counsel at the firm Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP (where he served over 30 years as a partner) and has been a special master in the First Department since 2011. He has vast experience as a mediator, and has represented parties in numerous successful mediations, including plan mediation in Washington Mutual bankruptcy (largest bank failure in United States' history), a multibillion-dollar merger dispute, and a mediation in banking litigation involving unfunded construction loans and interest rate derivatives. He is a graduate of Boston University School of Law, magna cum laude, and Vassar College, cum laude.

Christie Del Rey-Cone, Esq.

Ms. Del Rey-Cone is the Vice President, Employment counsel at NBCUniversal. She is recognized as one of the leading labor and employment lawyers of her generation in New York and she is also mediator. As a full-service employment lawyer, Christie represents clients in a broad range of federal and state court litigation and arbitrations, employment counseling, and human resource training. Her litigation experience includes, among other matters, complex discrimination, harassment and retaliation suits, and class/collective wage and hour actions. Her counseling

experience includes terminations, employee classifications (e.g., exempt/non-exempt; independent contractor/employee), whistleblower issues and restrictive covenants. She has substantial experience conducting wage/hour and employee classification audits in several industries and preparing human resources policies and handbooks. Christie also spends time leading employment law training programs on topics such as conducting internal investigations, proper classification of employees, compliance with reasonable accommodation laws, and anti-harassment, anti-discrimination and anti-retaliation policies and best practices. Before entering private practice, she clerked for U.S. Magistrate Judge Arlene R. Lindsay of the U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York. Christie received her law degree from Seton Hall University Law School and her undergraduate degree in Sociology and American Studies from Franklin & Marshall College in 1999. Christie now proudly serves as a member of F&M's Alumni Leadership Council.

Norman Feit, Esq.

Mr. Feit is currently a neutral and consultant after several decades managing global litigation and regulatory proceedings at the Goldman Sachs organization and previously practicing litigation with Sullivan & Cromwell. Mr. Feit is listed on numerous arbitration panels (including of the American Arbitration Association, International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution, and FINRA) and mediation rosters (including various NYS Supreme Court presumptive mediation rosters in addition to serving as a First Department Special Master). He is a graduate of N.Y.U. School of Law and Wesleyan University and clerked for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (Hon. Thomas J. Meskill). He is an Adjunct Professor of Law at Fordham Law School, frequently serves as a facilitator for mediation training programs, and has authored numerous articles relating to the mediation process.

Peter Fishbein, Esq.

Mr. Fishbein is a former partner (retired) at Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP, who in addition to serving as a mediator at the First Department, is also a private mediator with the American Arbitration Association. He is a former law clerk to United States Supreme Court Justice William Brennan, an adjunct professor at New York University Law School, and a visiting professor at Middlebury College. Mr. Fishbein is a graduate of Harvard Law School and Dartmouth College.

Hon. Helen E. Freedman (Ret.)

After serving 36 years on the New York State bench, including six years as an Associate Justice of the Appellate Division, First Department and more than eight years as a Justice in the Commercial Division of the State Supreme Court, New York County, Judge Freedman became a mediator at JAMS in 2015, where she has conducted multiple mediations, arbitrations, and neutral evaluations varying in type and complexity. She has served as a special master at the Appellate Division, First Department since 2015 and as a mediator in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York since January 2018. She is a graduate of Smith College and New York University School of Law.

Alan Gettner, Esq.

Mr. Gettner is a former partner (retired) at Patterson, Belknap, Webb & Tyler LLP who has been serving as a mediator since 2005 at the Appellate Division, First Department, the commercial division of the New York State Supreme Court, New York County, and the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York. He also serves as a private mediator at the American Arbitration Association. Mr. Gettner is a graduate of Columbia University, where he received a juris doctor and a Doctor of Philosophy, University of Chicago, M.A., and Yale University, B.A., summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa.

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Mr. Gilheany is a consulting attorney with the firm of Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP who has been serving as a special master at the Appellate Division, First Department since 2004. In addition, he has been serving as a mediator for the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit since 2015. Mr. Gilheany is a graduate of Cornell Law School, College of the Holy Cross, magna cum laude, and Brooklyn Preparatory School.

Max Gitter, Esq.

Mr. Gitter, a partner at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP from 1999 to 2010, is currently a senior counsel at the firm. He began his legal career as an associate at Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison in 1969 and was a partner from 1976 until 1999. Mr. Gitter has mediated scores of appeals since 2007 as a special master at the Appellate Division, First Department. He also served as a special master in a lengthy case in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, by appointment of Hon. Lewis Kaplan; in that capacity he issued numerous oral and written discovery rulings, while successfully mediating most of such disputes. He has represented litigants in many commercial mediations before judges, arbitrators, and private mediators. (He now limits his legal work to pro bono matters and assignments.) Mr. Gitter is a graduate of Harvard College and Yale Law School.

Philip Goldstein, Esq.

Mr. Goldstein is a full-time, independent mediator/arbitrator/special master. He is a former partner at McGuireWoods LLP and practiced primarily in both the mass tort/tort area (including as National Coordinating and NY Counsel for two Fortune 300 companies in the asbestos litigation, and as counsel for a target defendant in the 9/11 SDNY litigation) and on a variety of commercial matters, including in the energy area. Mr. Goldstein mediates regularly and is a member of several court mediation/ADR panels in addition to this Court, including the Appellate Division, 2nd Judicial Department Civil Appeals Mediation Program, United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, Commercial Divisions, Supreme Court, New York and Westchester Counties, General Civil Part, Supreme Court, Westchester County, National Roster of Mediators/Arbitrators, American Arbitration Association, Part 137, Joint Committee on Fee Disputes and Conciliation Arbitration/Mediation Panel for New York County and Panel of Arbitrators, Civil Court of the City of New York, Small Claims Part. He is a graduate of Boston University School of Law and Brandeis University.

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Mr. Heck is a partner with the firm of Kelley Drye & Warren LLP, where he has spent his entire career of over 50 years. He specializes in commercial litigation and mass torts. Mr. Heck has served as a special master at the Appellate Division, First Department, since 2008. He is a graduate of Harvard Law School, cum laude, and Tufts University, magna cum laude.

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Mr. Hubbard is the Principal of Bruce A. Hubbard, P. C., an independent law firm where he has practiced law in New York City. He has specialties in bank financings, commercial litigation, contracts, real estate, and general corporate practice. Mr. Hubbard is a graduate of Rutgers College, as a Member of Cap & Skull, the Senior Honorary, and a graduate of the Harvard Law School as a Huber Foundation Fellow. He is a member, appointed by the Justices of the Appellate Division of the First Judicial Department in New York City, of the Committee on Character and Fitness. Mr. Hubbard is admitted to the Bar of the States of Massachusetts and New York, the U. S. District Courts of the Eastern District and Southern District of New York and the U. S. Supreme Court.

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Ms. Katz is a partner at Michele A. Katz PLLC (founding partner, Cohen Clair Lans Grier & Thorpe 1987-2013, f/k/a Cohen Lans LLP). She has been a Special Master at the Appellate Division, First Department, since 2017. In addition, Ms. Katz is a Certified Mediator, has served on the New York State Supreme Court Neutral Evaluation Program to facilitate settlement of matrimonial matters, and served as an arbitrator with the American Arbitration Association. She received a Juris Doctor from St. John's University School of Law, an M.A. in Theater History from Hunter College of the City of New York, and a B.A. *cum laude* from the State University of New York at New Paltz.

Michele Kern-Rappy, Esq.

Ms. Kern-Rappy is a seasoned, highly respected ADR professional with over 35 years of experience in the Supreme Court, New York County. Until June 2023, she was the Senior Mediator and Settlement Coordinator at the courthouse, mediating over 6,500 cases involving all aspects of commercial business disputes, Child Victims Act cases, personal injury, employment matters, and family business. Since June 2023, she has been the President of Michele Kern Rappy Dispute Resolution, PLLC, a private practice focused on providing mediation services, working with Resolute Systems, LLC.

Additionally, she has served on numerous ADR advisory groups for the court system, including the prestigious Statewide ADR Advisory committee, the Deputy Chief Administrative Judge Honorable Deborah Kaplan's Tort Advisory Committee, and the ADR Faculty at the Judicial Institution. Furthermore, she served as the former co-chair of the ADR section of the New York Women's Bar Association, the former co-chair of the attorney advocacy subcommittee of the Dispute Resolution Section of the New York State Bar Association, and a member of the NYCBA Dispute Resolution Committee. She is also an Interdisciplinary Collaborative Attorney who was a member of the Board of Directors of FDMC, Family and Divorce Mediation Council, and is a member of the prestigious Interdisciplinary Forum and the NYACP and the IACP. Michele is also a member of a wide variety of rosters including the New York County Commercial Division, Bronx County, Nassau County, Richmond County, and Buffalo County.

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Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr., Esq. is a partner at Gibney, Anthony & Flaherty, LLP who has 47 years of experience in commercial and Surrogate's Court litigation. He serves as an arbitrator in the New York Fee Dispute Resolution Program and previously served as an arbitrator with the American Arbitration Association. In addition to his legal practice, Mr. Kinnally has over 29 years of service in public office in the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson, 16 of which were as Mayor. He is graduate of Niagara University, *magna cum laude*, and Cornell Law School.

Daniel F. Kolb, Esq.

Mr. Kolb has more than 45 years experience as a litigation partner, and now senior counsel, at Davis Polk & Wardwell, representing a wide range of commercial clients in federal and state trial and appellate courts throughout the United States. He has handled significant matters centering on securities, banking, accounting and tax fraud, professional liability, contract, antitrust, estate and constitutional issues. In his practice, Mr. Kolb has been involved in numerous arbitrations and mediations and in a range of international matters, serving for many years as Practice Coordinator for the Davis Polk litigation department and head of its Washington office. In

addition, he is an experienced arbitrator and mediator who is a member of the American Arbitration Association's Accounting and Commercial Arbitration and Mediation Panels and CPR's Panel of Distinguished Neutrals.

Mr. Kolb has served for over a decade as a Special Master handling mediations at the First Department, and as a court appointed mediator for the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York; and he is on the New York State Supreme Court Commercial Division Panel of Mediators. He is currently a member of the Chief Judge's ADR Advisory Committee and of the Council for Judicial Administration of the New York City Bar. He has served previously as Chair of the New York State Bar Dispute Resolution Section, as Co-Chair of the New York City Bar President's Committee on the Efficient Resolution of Disputes, as a member of the New York City Bar ADR Committee and the American Arbitration Association's Accounting Advisory Committee. He has also served as Chair of the City Bar's Executive, Judiciary and Litigation Committees. Mr. Kolb is a graduate of the College of the Holy Cross and University of Michigan Law School.

Jack P. Levin, Esq.

Mr. Levin is an independent mediator and arbitrator who specializes in high-conflict, multi-party disputes in various areas of the law including securities, mergers and acquisitions, employment and partnership disputes involving claims relating to corporate raiding, improper use of intellectual property, non-competition and non-solicitation agreements, wrongful termination and compensation, racial and ethnic discrimination, and FLSA claims, domestic and cross-border commercial litigation involving insurance, banking, intellectual property, patent, IT, outsourcing, architecture and design, licensing, aviation, defense contracting, art and auctions, and energy/power plants, civil rights, family disputes involving divorce and other relationship disputes, and executive disputes involving interpretation of partnership agreements, partnership accounting, capital accounts and other buy-out terms, as well as sensitive charges of personal misconduct and issues relating to performance.

In addition to serving as a special master at the Appellate Division, First Department, he serves as a mediator for the Center for Effective Dispute Resolution, Commercial, Large Complex Case and Master Mediator Panels of the American Arbitration Association, Arbitrator Panel of the International Centre for Dispute Resolution, Banking, Accounting and Financial Services, Cross-Border and Employment Panels of CPR: The International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution, Mediation Roster of FINRA DR, the Commercial Division of the New York State Supreme Court, New York County, the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York and on ICC Arbitration Tribunals. Mr. Levin is a graduate of Rutgers College and University of Pennsylvania Law School.

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Mr. McDermott is a retired Partner of Clifford Chance. He spent nearly 40 years as an attorney representing major United States and European corporations in cross border domestic and international mergers and acquisitions, strategic alliances, corporate finance transactions, consensual debt restructurings, bankruptcy reorganizations and other significant corporate matters. Mr. McDermott is an Adjunct Professor at Fordham Law School where he teaches a course in Corporate Transactions: Finance and Litigation. He is the author of the nationally used casebook Legal Aspects of Corporate Finance, the sixth edition of which has just been published. He is a Senior Advisor to the financial advisory firm Old Post Management LLC.

Mr. McDermott is also an accomplished mediator and arbitrator of business, corporate, complex commercial and securities law disputes.

Mr. McDermott has been a member of the TriBar Legal Opinion Committee for more than 30 years and is active in the preparation of its Reports on various aspects of legal opinion practice. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Metal Forms Corporation, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He is also on the Board of the Clifford Chance Foundation.

Hon. Joseph Kevin McKay (Ret.)

Hon. Joseph Kevin McKay ["Kevin"], a graduate of Fordham College and NYU Law School, served as a New York State trial judge in the Civil, Criminal and Supreme Courts from 1983 to 2012, and, also taught for some of those years as an Adjunct Associate Professor of John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY. Before that he was a Manhattan Assistant District Attorney, a commercial litigator, and a New York City Inspector General. Judge McKay has served for several years as a Director of the New York County Lawyers Association ["NYCLA"], Co-Chair of its Federal Courts Committee, Co-Chair of its Justice Center Advisory Board.

Justice McKay has also been a long-time member of the American Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association, where he served for several years in the House of Delegates. He was for several years a Hearing Officer for the U. S. Department of Justice in the 911 Victim Compensation Fund, a member of the Mediation Panel of the U. S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, and an arbitrator and mediator in NYCLA's Part 137 Attorney Fee Dispute Program. Also, as part of his mediation practice, Judge McKay is a Special Master in the Camp Program of the Appellate Divisions of the First and Second Departments. He was a Judicial Hearing Officer for the Kings Supreme Court, and a member of the Second Department's Committee on Character and Fitness. Among his community service activities, for over two decades Judge McKay was a member of the Board of Trustees of New York Methodist Hospital.

Rory O. Millson, Esq.

Mr. Millson is former partner (retired) at Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP who has extensive experience mediating both privately and for the courts. He has served as a special master at the Appellate Division, First Department since 2012 and as a mediator in the Commercial Division of the New York State Supreme Court, New York County since 2014. In addition, he has been serving as a mediator in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York since 2012. Mr. Millson is a graduate of Yale Law School (J.D.), Oxford University (B.A. First Class in Jurisprudence, Rhodes Scholar), and Yale College (B.A. summa cum laude).

Mark C. Morrill, Esq.

Mr. Morrill is an independent arbitrator and mediator who concentrates in the area of complex commercial disputes. He has mediated disputes relating to mortgage fraud, international distribution agreements for consumer goods, shareholders rights, insurance brokerage issues, insurance coverage, insurance fraud, title insurance, international trademark licensing, fraudulent conveyances, and constructive trusts. Mr. Morrill has extensive training as a mediator, having participated in WIPO mediation workshop, AAA Essential Skills for the New Mediator, ABA Advanced Mediation and Advocacy Skills Institute, Harvard Law School Program on Negotiation Mediating Disputes Course, and ICC Mediation: Essentials for Efficient Dispute Resolution. He is a graduate of Columbia Law School and Tufts University.

Hon. Karla Moskowitz (Ret.)

Prior to joining the bench, she worked with the State Attorney General's office, New York City Human Resources Administration, an arbitrator for the Small Claims Division of the Civil Court, an attorney in private practice and as an Administrative Law Judge for the New York State Department of Health. She subsequently served on the New York City Civil Court from 1982 to

1987. She was a New York Supreme Court Justice, from 1987 to 2008 and sat on the Commercial Division from 2001 until her appointment in January 2008. She was designated as a Justice for the Appellate Division, First Judicial Department in 2008 by Governor Eliot Spitzer. Judge Moskowitz now serves as an arbitrator and mediator with NAM (National Arbitration and Mediation) and as a Special Master for the Appellate Division, First Department. In 2003, she received the Edith I. Spivack Award from the New York County Lawyers' Association's Women's Rights Committee. She is a 1963 graduate of Alfred University and a 1966 graduate of Columbia Law School.

Jane Parver, Esq.

Ms. Parver is a partner (retired) at Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP, who in addition to serving as a mediator at the Appellate Division, First Department, is a referee for the Court in which capacity she conducts hearings and recommends dispositions on charges brought by the Attorney Grievance Committee. She also serves as a hearing officer for the United States Department of Justice, referee for the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct and as a hearing. Ms. Parver has extensive training as a commercial mediator, having taken courses with the American Arbitration Association, New York State Bar Association, and the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution. She is a graduate of Columbia Law School (J.D.), Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy (M.A.), and Tufts University (A.B.), summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa.

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Mr. Pettibone is a retired partner in Hogan Lovells US LLP and an independent arbitrator and mediator. He resided in Moscow from 1991 to 2010 and was the managing partner of the Moscow office of Hogan & Hartson where he practiced corporate law. Since 2010 he has arbitrated commercial cases in Moscow, Kyiv and Stockholm involving Russian and Ukrainian parties and in New York involving a variety of companies and issues. One-third of his cases were conducted in Russian. He is an accredited mediator by the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution and is on the rosters at the Commercial Division of the New York State Supreme Court and the Appellate Division First Department. He is a graduate of the Harvard Law School (J.D.), NYU (LL.M) and Princeton University (A.B., summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa).

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University of New York, Albany (B.A. magna cum laude) and Brooklyn Law School (J.D.) where she was a Merit Richardson Scholar.

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Mr. Rosen is a Partner in the Litigation Department from 1986 until 2022 and former co-chair of the Securities Litigation and Enforcement group, Mr. Rosen has extensive experience in civil litigation in the state and federal courts in the fields of securities, directors' and officers' liability, mergers and acquisitions, derivatives, banking, commodity futures and other complex business disputes. He retired as a partner at the end of 2022 and is now Of Counsel to the Firm. Mr. Rosen is listed (for the nineteenth consecutive year) in the 2023 edition of Chambers USA, where clients note he is "the smartest lawyer [they] have ever worked with" and "an excellent attorney who gets great results." He is listed as a "Senior Statesperson" and was previously listed in "Band 1" in Litigation: Securities (New York), which consisted of only nine lawyers. He is also listed (since 2006) in U.S. News and World Report's 2021 "The Best Lawyers in America" in three categories: Litigation – Securities, Bet-the-Company Litigation and Commercial Litigation. He has been identified as a nationwide "National Practice Area Star" and a New York "Local Litigation Star" in both Securities and General Commercial in the 2022 edition of Benchmark Litigation (which has listed him since 2007). He was recognized for the fifteenth consecutive year in the 2021 edition of The Legal 500 US as a "Hall of Fame" lawyer (there are only 16 lawyers with this recognition) in Securities Litigation: Defense.

Sam Rosmarin, Esq.

Mr. Rosmarin has enjoyed a stellar multi-decade career as a complex catastrophic personal injury litigator. Sam's professional experience has been evenly divided. He has represented plaintiffs in a wide range of serious personal injury actions, and he has also represented corporate defendants such as Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center, Hilton Hotels and Nationwide Insurance Companies.

After completing the prestigious Harvard Law School mediation training program, Mr. Rosmarin has passionately devoted himself to the art and science of mediation and arbitration. In 2016, he was honored by being appointed as a Special Master of the Appellate Division, First Department where he provides mediation services for selected cases on appeal.

Mr. Rosmarin is the Founder and Managing Litigation Partner, Sam Rosmarin, PLLC. He is also the Co-founder and Co-owner and Litigation Partner of Rock & Rosmarin, LLP. He was also the Partner and Chairman of the Medical Malpractice Department of Barr & Rosenbaum, LLP, and a Partner of Rochman, Platzer, Fallick, Rosmarin & Sternheim. Mr. Rosmarin is a graduate of Boston University School of Law and Cornell University.

Hon. Jacqueline W. Silbermann (Ret.)

Hon. Jacqueline Silbermann served as a New York State Judge for twenty-four years and retired from the bench after having served as the Administrative Judge for Matrimonial Matters for the State of New York and the Administrative Judge of the Supreme Court, New York County Civil Term. She is now of counsel to the firm of Eiseman Levine Lehrhaupt & Kakayliannis, P.C. where she handles complex cases as an advocate. She also serves as a mediator, arbitrator, and special master, including serving at the Appellate Division, First Department and she frequently lectures on a variety of topics related to family law, trial practice and ethics. Judge Silbermann is a graduate of Fordham Law School, cum laude, and Bryn Mawr College, cum laude.

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Mr. Silverman has spent his career as a litigator at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP (associate 1973-1981, partner 1981-2018 of counsel 2018-). He has handled a wide variety of civil litigation, arbitration, and criminal litigation. He has served as a Special Master in the Appellate Divisions, First and Second Departments, since 2019. He has lectured at The University of Pennsylvania Law School, New York University Law School and Harvard Law School and is or has been on several boards, including The Legal Aid Society, Colby College, Central Synagogue and Mosholu Montefiore Community Center. He is a graduate of Colby College and New York University School of Law.

Hon. Walter B. Tolub (Ret.)

Hon. Walter Tolub is a retired judge who served for almost 40 years in the Judicial branch, 20 of them as Judge. In the course of his service, he has literally sat in almost every branch of the Supreme Court, including matrimonial, condemnation, tax certiorari, and the general all-purpose tort and commercial parts. Apart from his activities as a mediator, a part time activity, he now professes to serve as a full-time beach comber.

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Holly Weiss is an independent mediator and arbitrator, who is a retired partner of Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP. Before pivoting to ADR, Ms. Weiss spent nearly three decades practicing employment and employee benefits law at the highest level at two top tier law firms in New York City. Ms. Weiss has successfully mediated hundreds of disputes. In addition to serving as a voluntary Special Master, Ms. Weiss is a member of numerous ADR rosters and panels, including the mediation panels of the District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, CAMP (the Second Circuit's Mediation and Settlement Program), the Supreme Court of the State of New York (Commercial Division), the National Rosters of Arbitrators and Mediators of the American Arbitration Association, FINRA's Roster of Arbitrators, New York City Bar Association Complaint Mediation Panel, and the CPR Panel of Distinguished Neutrals. Ms. Weiss is an Adjunct Professor at Cardozo Law School in its Mediation Clinic. Ms. Weiss is the founder of Stand Up! Girls, a non-profit organization, and a long-time board member of the Tanenbaum Center for Interreligious Understanding. Ms. Weiss is a graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law and Emory University.