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- **Education:** Temple University – BBA (Economics) '69, JD '76, MBA (Marketing) '77 & completed 2/3rds LLM (Labor).
- **Admitted – Pennsylvania, Supreme Court of the United States, 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals and USDC–EDPA.**
- **Employment:** Law School – Senior Law Clerk – Philadelphia U.S. Attorney's Office (1974-1976). Law Clerk – **Judge Ethan Allen Doty** – Supervising Judge – Compulsory Arbitration Program – Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas (1977-1983); and **Judge Joseph I. Papalini** (1992). Represented Plaintiffs – associated with **Milton M. Borowsky** (Admiralty/Airplane Crash Litigation). Represented Defendants – Staff Counsel – **Allstate** and **Fireman's Fund** Insurance Companies and as **Deputy City Solicitor** – City of Philadelphia (**Major Trial Division**). He has litigated thousands of Negligence, Automobile, Slip & Fall, Dog Bite, Product Liability, Medical and Veterinarian Malpractice, Construction, Admiralty, Civil Rights, Municipal Tort Claims Act, Worker's Compensation, No-Fault, Errors and Omissions and Traffic Court matters.
- **Professional Affiliations:** Past/Present member – **Fellow-Academy of Court Appointed Masters (ACAM); SPIDR/ACR; PA Council of Mediators; NJ Association of Professional Mediators; MD Council for Dispute Resolution; DE Federation for Dispute Resolution.** Various Dispute Resolution Committees – ABA/Federal/State/County Bar Associations and **Maryland Dispute Resolution Commission – Professional Responsibility Committee. Pennsylvania Joint State Government Commission – Advisory Committee ADR.**
- **Neutral Services: Judge Pro Tempore** (1996-Present), **Settlement Master** (1992-1996) - Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas;
- **Referee:** Private Adjudication Center, Inc. (**PAC**) **Dalkon Shield** Claimant's Trust Arbitration Program – Duke University School of Law (1995-1997). **Condemnation Commissioner:** Delaware Superior Court – Kent County (2000 – Present)
- **Arbitrator (only): over 2,000 cases – (PA, ME, NH, VT, MA, RI, NY, NJ, MD, DE, VA, WV, NC, SC, GA, FL, AL, MS, MI, OH, IN, ND, MN, WI, IA, NE, OK, MO, KS, LA, TX, UT, CO, AZ, NV, WA, OR, CA & AK)**  
Plaintiff/Neutral/Defense Arbitrator – **Uninsured/Under-Insured Motorist** cases (Appointed – Court Order or by agreement), American Arbitration Association (**AAA**) (Commercial/Construction)(1985-2001), American Stock Exchange (**AMEX**), Philadelphia Stock Exchange (**PHLX**), Chicago Board Options Exchange (**CBOE**), Chicago Mercantile Exchange (**CME**), New York Mercantile Exchange (**NYMEX**) and National Futures Association (**NFA**).
- **Arbitrator and Mediator: THE PEACEMAKERS** (2000 –2004); National Arbitration Forum (**NAF**), **Resolute Systems; Inc.; Resolution Resources Corporation, Atlanta GA, Settlement Systems, Inc;** U.S. Arbitration & Mediation of the Northeast, Inc. (Trained – Basic/Advanced Mediator) (also Neutral Evaluator) (Representative 1991, Director of Mediation 1993-1998) (1988-2000) (**USA&M**); National Association of Securities Dealers (Trained – Panel/Chairperson) (**NASD**); New York Stock Exchange (**NYSE**)(Trained); Pacific Stock Exchange (**PSE**) and Pennsylvania Bar Association – Lawyer Dispute Resolution Program (Trained) (**LDRP**) (Law Firm Breakup/Fee Disputes Between Attorneys) (Project Director 1991-1993); **USDC-EDPA** and Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas.
- **Mediator (only): 1,600 cases – (PA, CN, NY, NJ, MD, DE, VA, WV, NC, SC, GA, FL, AL, MS, LA, MI, OH, IN, IL, MN, WI, IA, TN, OK, TX, WY, CO, NM, NV, CA & District of Columbia)** **ADR Associates (Consumer Healthcare); ADR Systems of America; Good Shepard Mediation Program; Healthcare Resolutions (Med-Mal); National Mediation; USCA-FC; USDC–NDIL – Lanham Act Trademark Cases; Bankruptcy Court – EDPA, SDNY, EDNY, NJ, DE (& USDC) & MD; Equal Employment Opportunities Commission (Trained) (EEOC – Office of Equal Opportunity, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Charlotte, New Orleans, Albuquerque, Los Angeles, Birmingham & Washington, DC Offices); United States Postal Service – REDRESS PROGRAM (Trained) (USPS – Allegheny, NY, Capital, Mid-Atlantic & Southeast Regions); U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) through the Keybridge Foundation (Trained) – The Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA); National Archives & Records Administration; The Resolution Group, Dallas, TX; Surface Transportation Board; USDA-Rural Development – PA, NJ & DE; World Bank Group (Trained) (WBG) and Philadelphia Bar Association – Lawyer/Fee Dispute Program.** In addition, he has assisted in and trained over 200 Mediators and has served as an **Instructor** to thousands of Judges, Court Administrators, Attorneys, Risk Managers and Claims Representatives in the Mediation Process, Negotiation Skills and Ethics.
- **State Certifications/Approvals - Mediation: DE (Superior/Chancery Court – All Counties); MD (Circuit Court & Baltimore City/County Orphans Court); NJ (Superior Court – All Counties), NY (Supreme Court Commercial Division – Manhattan) and PA (Common Pleas Court – Philadelphia).**