



**HONORABLE ANDREA L. ROCANELLI (Ret.)**

Judge Rocanelli relies on more than 30 years of legal experience to encourage principled negotiation. Judge Rocanelli has received dispute resolution training at Pepperdine University's Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution and Harvard Law School's Negotiation Workshop, as well as Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training from the National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI). Judge Rocanelli is certified in Delaware as a Commercial Law Arbitrator.

Even where disputes seem intractable, Judge Rocanelli will employ her extensive legal and judicial experience to achieve durable agreements that advance business goals by identifying creative solutions not always available in contested litigation. Judge Rocanelli's ability to reasonably predict the responses and rulings of Delaware state and federal judges and to forecast the reaction of Delaware juries is especially helpful to parties' realistic assessment of their positions.

Judge Rocanelli's excellent success rate for expedited resolution of complex disputes is the result of dedicated focus, thorough preparation, and strong interpersonal skills. Judge Rocanelli has successfully resolved cases where other mediators had failed, including highly expedited mediations taking place on weekends prior to the start of trial. Judge Rocanelli has successfully mediated coverage disputes, claims resulting from asset purchase agreements, disputes involving remediation of Superfund sites, and other sophisticated legal claims. If your clients' needs are time sensitive, expedited dispute resolution is available.

Judge Rocanelli is an experienced jurist with a reputation for fairness and integrity. Judge Rocanelli has served as a professional factfinder in scores of bench trials and has extensive experience as the presiding judge at hundreds of jury trials. Judge Rocanelli is well-regarded for her legal opinions which reflect scholarship, keen insight and common sense.

Judge Rocanelli was appointed to the Superior Court of the State of Delaware by Governor Jack A. Markell in 2013. Previously, Judge Rocanelli served as a judge of the Court of Common Pleas by appointment of Governor Markell in April 2009. Judge Rocanelli received her J.D. from Harvard Law School, and her B.A., *summa cum laude*, from Boston College where she was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. After several years of private practice in Boston, Judge Rocanelli practiced law in Delaware prior to serving as Chief Counsel of the Office of Disciplinary Counsel for the Delaware Supreme Court, with responsibility for the practice of law and legal ethics in the state of Delaware.



CAREFULLY CRAFTED SOLUTIONS FOR COMPLEX DISPUTES

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### DISPUTE RESOLUTION TRAINING

STRAUS INSTITUTE FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION, Pepperdine University  
NEGOTIATION WORKSHOP, Harvard Law School  
CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM (CIT), National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI)

### EDUCATION

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, Juris Doctorate  
BOSTON COLLEGE, Bachelor of Arts in English and Philosophy, *summa cum laude*  
*Honors: Phi Beta Kappa, Scholar of the College*

### AWARDS

Women's Leadership Award, Delaware State Bar Association  
Judicial Partnership Award: Supporting Recovery through Leadership, Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health  
Commission on Lawyer Assistance Programs, American Bar Association

### EXPERIENCE

#### **DELAWARE ADR, LLC** | *Professional Neutral*

- High rate of success as mediator for resolution of complex commercial disputes.
- Efficient, effective and durable resolution of seemingly irreconcilable competing interests.
- Carefully crafted and creative solutions for a wide variety of legal matters.

#### **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE** | *Judge*

- Presided as Judge over entire range of criminal and civil cases, including appeals from lower courts and administrative agencies, commercial litigation involving complex legal issues, and criminal matters involving serious felony allegations.
- Issued decisions on several issues of first impression, including cutting-edge decision on the reliability of Google WiFi Location data in a domestic violence murder case.
- Specially assigned to preside over sensitive matters, including to address claims of prosecutorial misconduct involving the unauthorized search of the prison cell of a detained individual days before start of his murder trial.
- Carefully crafted appropriate sentences for individuals with significant substance abuse problems and serious mental health issues and advocated for assignment of necessary treatment services in prison and community.
- Effectively managed civil docket of approx. 400 pending cases for efficient and fair dispute resolution.
- Judicial representative for the State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision.
- Presiding Judge, Unified Mental Health Court.

#### **DELAWARE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS** | *Judge*

- Presided as Judge in high-volume court of limited jurisdiction, making decisions promptly and efficiently while providing individual attention for fair resolution of each matter.
- Emphasized rehabilitative justice to redirect behavior and provide services to reduce recidivism.
- Led efforts to revise procedures for civil debt collection matters.
- Founding Member, Coalition on Women in Support of Health (WISH) to provide services and reduce recidivism for sex workers.
- Commissioner, Delaware Sentencing Accountability Commission (SENTAC).
- Presiding Judge, Drug Diversion Program, including partnering with Treatment Research Institute of the University of Pennsylvania (TRI) for research to develop empirical evidence for best practices.

**OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL | *Chief Disciplinary Counsel* | Delaware Supreme Court**

- Developed extensive expertise in legal ethics to set and enforce high standards for Delaware lawyers.
- Fairly exercised prosecutorial discretion in decisions of prosecution and dismissal, including thorough factual investigation of complex matters, effective presentation of evidence at contested hearings and extensive experience with Supreme Court oral argument.
- Instrumental in changing focus of ODC from prosecution to intervention and prevention of ethical misconduct and engineered creative disciplinary sanctions specifically tailored to misconduct at issue, such as prohibitions on solo practice to protect the public interest.

**MORRIS, NICHOLS, ARSHT & TUNNELL LLP | Wilmington, Delaware**

- Extensive experience in all phases of complex commercial disputes and litigation, including significant courtroom, arbitration and mediation experience.

**CONN KAVANAUGH ROSENTHAL PEISCH & FORD, LLP | Boston, Massachusetts**

- Complete case management responsibility, including negotiation of settlements and plea bargains; strategy decisions; and liability analysis; preparation of cases for trial; trial of several cases to jury verdict.

**BAR ADMISSIONS**

**STATE BAR ADMISSIONS**

Delaware  
New York  
Massachusetts

**FEDERAL BAR ADMISSIONS**

U.S. Supreme Court  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit  
U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the 1<sup>st</sup> Circuit  
U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts

**APPOINTMENTS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES**

**RODNEY INN OF COURT | *Member* | *President***

**PERMANENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE DELAWARE RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT |** By appointment of the Delaware Supreme Court

**JUDICIAL ETHICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE |** By appointment of the Delaware Supreme Court

**STATE COUNCIL FOR INTERSTATE ADULT OFFENDER SUPERVISION |** By appointment of the Delaware Supreme Court

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL OF THE JUDICIARY |** By appointment of the Delaware Supreme Court

**DELAWARE COMMISSION ON CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION |** By appointment of the Delaware Supreme Court

**PERMANENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE DELAWARE UNIFORM RULES OF EVIDENCE |** By appointment of the Delaware Supreme Court

**DELAWARE SENTENCING ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION |** By appointment of the Delaware Supreme Court

**DSBA DIVERSITY COMMITTEE |** Focused on services needed by lawyers with disabilities.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE ABA COMMISSION ON LAWYERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

**DELAWARE SUPREME COURT LAWYERS' FUND FOR CLIENT PROTECTION**

**U.S.D.C. DISTRICT OF DELAWARE CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT BLUE RIBBON PANEL**