

IAN CONNOR BIFFERATO, ESQUIRE

◆ Areas of Practice

Complex Litigation
Alternative Dispute Resolution
Commercial Litigation
Corporate Governance
Commercial Bankruptcy
Creditors' Rights
Business Reorganization
Delaware Higher Education Law

◆ Positions

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◆ Bar Admissions

Delaware Supreme Court, 1994
U.S. District Court, District of Delaware, 1995
U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals, 1995

◆ Education

University of Delaware, Newark, DE,
Bachelor of Arts, 1990

Widener University School of Law, Wilmington, DE,
Juris Doctor, 1994

Alum of University of Virginia,
Intensive Trial Advocacy Institute, (Extended CLE Program), 1998

Delaware Superior Court Mediation Program, Certified Mediator, 1999, Delaware State Bar Association Recertification, 2017 & 2022

Delaware State Bar Association, (Instructor and Participant) Certified Arbitrator, 2017, 2022

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Delaware State Bar Association, (Instructor and Participant) Certified Commercial Litigation Arbitrator, 2017, 2022

◆ Professional Memberships

Member, Delaware State Bar Association Fee Dispute Committee, 2021-present

Member, Delaware State Bar Association Pro Bono Committee, 2021- present

Member, TMA-Philadelphia/Wilmington, 2020-present

Member, Delaware State Bar Association Executive Committees Search Committee for the Editor in Chief of the Delaware Law Review, 2020-2021

Member, State of Delaware Judicial Nominating Commission, 2010-2015

Member, Delaware Board of Bar Examiners, 2014-2016

Member, Fellowship for the Litigation Counsel of America, 2008-2014

Member, Editorial Board of In Re, the Journal of the Delaware State Bar Association, 2001-2007

Member, Strategic Planning Committee,
Community Legal Aid Society, Inc., 2003-2004

Member, Delaware State Bar Association

Member, American Bar Association

Member, Federal Bar Association

Member, Federal Circuit Bar Association

Member, American Association for Justice

Member of the Steering Committee,
Judge Vincent A. Bifferato Superior Court Trial Practice Forum

Member, Local Rules Committee,
United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware

Member, Committee to Review and Revise ADR Local Rules,
United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware 2014-2015, 2017, 2021

Member, Appellate Mediation Panel,
United States District Court for the District of Delaware

Member, Mediation Panel,
United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware

Member, Civil Rules Committee for the Delaware Superior Court, 2006 – 2015

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◆ Professional Associations and Leadership Positions

- Vice President New Castle County, Executive Committee, Delaware State Bar Association, 2023 -2024
- Co-Chair, Delaware State Bar Association Real Estate Location and Review and Negotiation Committee, 2021 - Present
- Treasurer, Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee, Federal Bar Association, 2022 - 2023
- Assistant Treasurer, Executive Committee, Delaware State Bar Association, 2022 – 2023
- Chair, Delaware State Bar Association CLE Committee, 2021 - Present
- Vice Chair, Delaware State Bar Association Diversity Equity & Inclusion Advisory Board, 2020 (inception) - Present
- Member, Delaware State Bar Association Standing Committee Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion, 2020 (inception) - Present
- Member, St. Edmond's Academy Board of Directors, 2019 - Present
- Co-Chair, Mediation Committee, American Bankruptcy Institute, 2022 - 2024
- Communication Sub-Committee Co-Chair, Mediation Committee, American Bankruptcy Institute, 2019 - 2022
- Member, Mediation Committee Board of Directors, Federal Bar Association, 2020 - Present
- Co-Chair, Delaware State Bar Association Professional Ethics Committee, 2018 - Present
- Secretary, Executive Committee, Delaware State Bar Association, 2021 - 2022
- Member at Large, Executive Committee, Delaware State Bar Association, 2019 - 2020
- Assistant Treasurer, Executive Committee, Delaware State Bar Association, 2018 - 2019
- Assistant Secretary, Executive Committee, Delaware State Bar Association, 2017 - 2018
- Co-Chair, Court of Common Pleas Civil Debt Committee, 2012 - 2015
- Board Member, The Academy of the Dance, Inc., 2010 - 2015
- Mock Trial Coach, Ursuline Academy, 2009 - 2015, 2019 - 2020
- Co-Chair, New Castle County, Delaware, Combined Campaign for Justice, 2007,
Co-Chair, Communications Committee, Combined Campaign for Justice, 2001 - 2006
- Board of Directors, Community Legal Aid Society, Inc. 2000 - 2012,
President of the Board of Directors, Community Legal Aid Society, Inc. 2002 - 2003,
Vice President of the Board of Directors, Community Legal Aid Society, Inc. 2001 - 2002,
Treasurer of the Board of Directors, Community Legal Aid Society, Inc. 2000 - 2001
- Co-Chair, Committee on Community Service and Public Information, Delaware State Bar Association, 2002 - 2012,

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Chair, Committee on Community Service and Public Information, Delaware State Bar Association, 2001 - 2002

Steering Committee, Combined Campaign for Justice, Delaware State Bar Association, 2001 - 2014

Chair, Small Firms Solo Practitioners Section, Delaware State Bar Association, 1999 - 2001

Chair, New Lawyers Section, Delaware State Bar Association, 1998 - 1999

Vice-Chair, New Lawyers Section, Delaware State Bar Association, 1997 - 1998

◆ **Achievements/Awards**

Named “2022 Top Lawyer” by Delaware Today Magazine, 2022

Author – *Mediation Matters: The Price of Principle* in ABI Journal, June, 2022

Author – *Mediation: How Litigators Can Maximize a Unique Opportunity* in ABI Journal, October 2021

American Bankruptcy Institute 2020 Committee Member of the Year

Author – Published Chapter on Commercial Bankruptcy and Creditors’ Rights in ***Inside the Minds: The Impact of the Subprime Mortgage Crisis*** – On sale nationwide June 2009

Speaker on various topics concerning Alternative Dispute Resolution, Evidence, Trial Practice, Commercial Litigation, Law Firm Management and other substantive and procedural topics, at various events, conferences and CLE programs sponsored by the American Bankruptcy Institute, and the Delaware State Bar Association and other professional organizations.

Named “Delaware Super Lawyer” by Philadelphia Magazine, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023

Recipient 2006, Community Legal Aid Society, Inc., The William Poole Memorial Award for Board Member of CLASI who best exemplified Mr. Poole’s standards of honesty, integrity, compassion, commitment to public service and to equal justice under the law

Recipient 2004, Delaware State Bar Association, New Lawyers Distinguished Service Award

◆ **Birth Information**

1967, Wilmington, DE