



Resolute Systems, LLC

Dispute Resolution Worldwide

HONORABLE JOSEPH P. SPINOLA New York



Joseph P. Spinola is a former Justice of the New York State Supreme Court, Nassau County. He gained a reputation as an eminently qualified and even-handed jurist, who was highly effective with helping litigants resolve cases through the pre-trial mediation process. While on the bench, Judge Spinola helped facilitate hundreds of settlements.

Since leaving the bench in March, 2010, Spinola has become a full time mediator, and one of the most popular and successful mediators in New York. **He was voted the #1 Mediator in New York by lawyers in the *New York Law Journal* survey for five consecutive years (2011-2015)**, and has developed a reputation for settling difficult cases.

Judge Spinola has extensive experience litigating and presiding over a wide an array of civil disputes. In addition to his ADR practice, Judge Spinola is a Special Professor of Law at Hofstra Law School. He has been involved in teaching Trial Techniques and Trial Advocacy since 1992.

New York
Law Journal
Reader Rankings



Judge Spinola employs a combination of facilitative and evaluative mediation, supplemented by his 30 + years experience as a litigator and judge. He also has the unique perspective of

trying cases as a defense attorney, plaintiff's attorney, and judge – which gives him the ability to understand all sides and aspects of the cases he mediates.

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION EXPERIENCE

- Medical Malpractice
- Personal Injury
- Business/Commercial
- Product Liability
- Professional Malpractice
- Employment
- Wrongful Death
- Construction
- Matrimonial
- Labor Law
- Bankruptcy
- Subrogation
- Insurance Coverage
- Premises Liability
- Real Estate
- Environmental

ATTORNEY TESTIMONIALS AS PUBLISHED IN NEW YORK JUDGE REVIEWS:

- “He is highly effective in helping parties reach settlements”
- “When you go before Judge Spinola, you know that he is going to be prepared”
- “One of the best judges because of his trial experience”

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| Mediator & Arbitrator Resolute Systems, LLC | March 2010 - Present |
| Supreme Court Justice Nassau County Presiding over all phases of civil litigation | January 2004 -March 2010 |
| District Court Judge Nassau County Presided over civil matters including, negligence, landlord tenant contract actions as well as criminal arraignments. | January 2003 - December 2003 |
| Spinola & Mirotznik, P.C. 2115 Hempstead Turnpike, East Meadow, NY <i>Partner/Trial Lawyer</i> Concentrating in personal injury trials | 1997-2002 |
| Joachim, Flanzig, Frommer & Madigan 323 Willis Avenue, Mineola, NY <i>Trial Lawyer</i> Responsible for conducting personal injury trials in various negligence cases including premises liability, automobile accidents, slip and fall accidents, assault, municipal liability, products liability, and medical malpractice. | 1995-1997 |
| Thurm & Heller 26 Broadway, New York, NY <i>Trial Lawyer</i> Responsible for conducting personal injury trials in various negligence cases including premise liability, automobile accidents, slip and fall accidents, assault, municipal liability and products liability. | 1993-1995 |
| District Court Arbitrator District Court, Nassau County | 1988-1993 |
| Nationwide Insurance Company 50 Charles Lindbergh Boulevard, Uniondale, NY <i>Trial Lawyer</i> Assigned to handle personal injury trials in areas of negligence such as slip and fall, assault, liable and slander, products liability and wrongful death. Tried approximately 25 cases to verdict. Majority of verdicts were in the area of damages. | 1988-1993 |
| Robert I. Fiedelman 2 Jericho Plaza, Jericho, NY <i>Associate</i> Responsible for all phases of various types of negligence cases including premises liability, auto accidents, slips and falls, Labor Laws, assault, municipal liability, false imprisonment, Dram Shop Cases, professional and products liability. Duties included court appearances to examination before trial, pre-trial settlement conference and trails. | 1986-1987 |

Rivkin, Radler, Dunne & Bayh 1985-1986
EAB Plaza, Uniondale, NY
Associate
Assigned to medical malpractice team. Responsible for all pre-trial phases of medical malpractice actions including preparation of pleadings, motion papers, discovery requests, research and preparations of legal memoranda. Duties included court appearances, examinations before trial and settlement conference.

Curtis, Hart & Zaklukiewicz 1984-1985
124 Merrick Avenue, Merrick, NY
Law Clerk
Responsible for preparation of pleading and discovery practice in various types of negligence actions.

TEACHING POSITIONS

Hofstra University 2009
Instructor: Comprehensive Trial Preparation for the New York Paralegal

Hofstra University Law School 2009
Instructor: Theory of the Case: Appellate Advocacy
Coach: National Trial Team

New York State Bar Association 2007
Practical Skills Seminar: Basic Civil Practice – the Trial Lectured on motions, objections and requests to Charge.

Advisory Board Member
Hofstra University – College of Liberal Art and Sciences 2007-Present

Special Professor of Law 2007-Present
Hofstra University Law School
- Deposition Skills
- Trial Techniques

Adjunct Faculty Member of Hofstra University Law School 1999-Present

Hofstra Law School Trial Techniques Program 1992-Present
Instructor-Demonstrator
(2002-Selected to be one of sixteen team leaders)
Instructed and demonstrated various techniques to law students such as direct and cross Examination of expert witnesses and lay persons, opening statements and summations.

National Institute for Trial Advocacy Northeast Regional Program 1993-Present
Instructor-Demonstrator
Instructed lawyers on all aspects of trial techniques.

Widener University Law School Trial Advocacy Program 1993
Instructor-Demonstrator
Instructed and demonstrated various trial techniques to law students such as direct and cross examination of expert witnesses and law persons opening statements and summations.

National Institute for Trial Advocacy Pacific Regional Program 1993
Instructor-Demonstrator
Instructed lawyers on all aspects of trial techniques.

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| Trial Techniques Workshop for Nationwide and Wausau Insurance Companies | 1992 |
| <i>Instructor-Demonstrator</i> | |
| Instructed lawyers on all aspects of trial techniques in personal injury cases. | |
| National Institute for Trial Advocacy Mid-Atlantic Regional Program | 1992 |
| <i>Instructor-Demonstrator</i> | |
| Instructed and demonstrated to law students various trial techniques such as direct and cross examination of expert witnesses and lay persons, opening statements/ summations. | |
| Emory Law School Trial Advocacy Program | 1992 |
| <i>Instructor-Demonstrator</i> | |
| Instructed and demonstrated to law students various trial techniques such as direct and cross examination of expert witnesses and lay persons, opening statements and summations. | |

LECTURES

Chair of the New York State Bar Association's Practical Skills Seminar
"Basic Civil Practice – The Trial"
 November 2007

Lectured at New York State Bar Association's Tort and Insurance Law Committee Section
"Emergence of the Summary Jury Trial" and *The use of Demonstrative Evidence in the Courtroom"*
 April 2008

Lectured at the National Business Institute's Seminar
"Civil Trial Practice: What Supreme Court Justices want you to know"
 November 2008

Lectured at the Nassau County Bar Association's Seminar
"How to Try and Defend a Spinal Injury Case"
 February 2009

Lectured at the National Business Institute's Seminar
"What Supreme Court Justices want you to know about Labor Law Accident Litigation"
 June 2009

Lectured at the NYS Academy of Trial Lawyers Seminar
"Doctors and Their Records at Trial"
 June 2009

Lectured at the National Business Institute's Seminar
"Advanced Discovery and Trial Practice"
 November 2009

Lectured at the New York State Bar Association – Trial Lawyers Section Summer Meeting
"Lessons from the Post-Trial Debriefing"
 August 2010

Lectured at the New York State Bar Association's Seminar
"Law School for Insurance Professionals – The Role of the Judge and Mediator"
 October 2010

Lectured at the New York State Trial Lawyers Association's Seminar
"The Art of Negotiation and Mediation"
 January 2011

Lectured at the Cardozo Law School Alumni Association
“Symposium on Medicare/Medicaid Issues Confronting Personal Injury Attorneys”
June 2011

Lectured at the New York State Trial Lawyers Association’s Seminar
“The Art of Negotiation and Mediation”
March 2012

Lectured at the Defense Association of New York
“Mediation Advocacy”
October 2015

Lectured at the Columbian Lawyers Association
“Mediation Advocacy”
May 2016

Lectured at the New York Stat Bar Association
“Verdict, Value, and Settlement: How much is this case worth”
September 2016

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

All Courts of the State of New York, US District Court for the Southern, Eastern, Northern and Western Districts.

MEDIATION TRAINING

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| New York State Bar Association – Section on Dispute Resolution “How to Maximize Results in Mediation and Arbitration” | October, 2010 |
| Pepperdine University School of Law – Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution Advanced Mediation Training Course - Vermont | October, 2010 |
| Commercial Mediation Training – New York State Bar, Section on Dispute Resolution Advanced Mediation Training Course- New York | March, 2011 |
| International Academy of Mediators – Advanced Mediation Training Advanced Mediation Training Course - California | May, 2011 |
| National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals – Advanced Mediation Training Advanced Mediation Training Course - Florida | August, 2011 |
| Association of Attorney-Mediators – Advanced Mediation Training Advanced Mediation Training Course - Chicago | May, 2012 |
| National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals – Advanced Mediation Training Advanced Mediation Training Course – Boston | August, 2013 |
| Pepperdine University School of Law – Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution Advanced Mediation Training Course - Maryland | March, 2014 |
| Association of Attorney-Mediators – Advanced Mediation Training Advanced Mediation Training Course - Atlanta | May, 2014 |

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| Resolute Systems, LLC – Advanced Mediation Training Advanced Mediation Training Course - Chicago | October, 2014 |
| Pepperdine University School of Law – Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution Three Day Advanced Mediation Training Course - Nashville | October, 2015 |
| International Academy of Mediators – Advanced Mediation Training Advanced Mediation Training Course - Vancouver | September, 2016 |

LEGAL EDUCATION

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| Hofstra University School of Law <i>Degree J.D.</i> Special Elective Seminars: Advanced Legal Research Course; Community Legal Assistance Corporation – General Practice; National Institute of Trial Advocacy; Trial Techniques Course Activities; Trial Advocacy Club. | 1980-1983 |
| National Institute for Trial Advocacy Teacher Training Program <i>Certification</i> | 1992 |
| National Institute for Trial Advocacy Northeast Regional Program <i>Certification</i> | 1990 |
| Hofstra University <i>B.A. in History and Philosophy</i> Honors: Cum Laude; Dean’s List; Phi Alpha Theta (History Honor Society); High Achievement Award in Historical Writing; University Honors in Philosophy. | 1976-1980 |

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association
 New York State Bar Association
 New York County Bar Association
 Brooklyn Bar Association
 Suffolk County Bar Association
 New York State Trial Lawyers’ Association
 National Institute for Trial Advocacy
 National Institute for Trial Advocacy Advocates Association
 Nassau-Suffolk Trial Lawyers Association
 Board of Directors-New York State Academy of Trial Lawyers (2008-2009)
 Fellow - Claims Litigation & Management Alliance
 National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals
 Association of Attorney Mediators
 International Academy of Mediators

HONORS AND AWARDS

2003 - Italian Court Officers of Nassau County
 2004 – Columbia Association, New York City Police Department
 2004 – Hofstra University George M. Estabrook Distinguished Service Award

2004 – Citations/Congressman Peter King and Exec. Thomas Suozzi for Distinguished Service
2007 – Long Beach Lawyers Association Man of the Year Award
2007 – Proclamation from Senator Dean G. Skelos for Outstanding Service
2007 – Citation from Assemblyman Harvey Weisenberg for Outstanding Community Service
2008 – Hofstra Law School Intensive Trial Techniques Program Outstanding Trial Skills & Leadership Award
2010 - Voted “Top 2” Mediators in New York by lawyers in the *New York Law Journal* 2010 Survey
2011 – Voted #1 Mediator in New York by lawyers in the *New York Law Journal* 2011 Survey
2012 - Voted #1 Mediator in New York by lawyers in the *New York Law Journal* 2012 Survey
2013 -Voted #1 Mediator in New York by lawyers in the *New York Law Journal* 2013 Survey
2013 - Selected into Super Lawyers in the field of Alternative Dispute Resolution
2014 - Selected into Super Lawyers in the field of Alternative Dispute Resolution
2014 -Voted #1 Mediator in New York by lawyers in the *New York Law Journal* 2014 Survey
2015 - Selected into Super Lawyers in the field of Alternative Dispute Resolution
2015 -Voted #1 Mediator in New York by lawyers in the *New York Law Journal* 2015 Survey
2016 - Selected into 2016 Alternative Dispute Resolution Champion, National Law Journal
2016 - Selected into Super Lawyers in the field of Alternative Dispute Resolution
2016 - Voted a “Best Individual Mediator” by lawyers in the *New York Law Journal* 2016 Survey

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