

HONORABLE JOSEPH P. SPINOLA

New York

Voted #1 Mediator in the U.S. – National Law Journal (2018-2024)



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 is voted the #1 Mediator in the U.S. by lawyers in the National Law Journal and the #1 Mediator in New York by lawyers in the New York Law Journal survey for a record five consecutive years.

Judge Spinola has extensive experience litigating and presiding over a wide an array of civil disputes, and has developed a reputation for settling difficult cases. 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.

Judge Spinola employs a combination of facilitative and evaluative mediation, supplemented by his 35 + 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
- Child Victims Act/Sexual Abuse
- Product Liability
- Professional Malpractice
- Employment
- Wrongful Death
- Construction

New York Law Journal Reader Rankings

Winner
For a Record
5 Years in a Row
Joseph Spinola
Resolute Systems

- Labor Law
- Nursing Home
- Subrogation
- Insurance Coverage
- Premises Liability
- Real Estate
- Trucking
- 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"

B.A. in History and Philosophy

MEDIATION TRAINING

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	October, 2010
Three Day Advanced Mediation Training Course - California	0000001, 2010
Commercial Mediation Training – New York State Bar, Section on Dispute Resolution	March, 2011
Three Day Advanced Mediation Training Course- New York	,
International Academy of Mediators – Advanced Mediation Training	May, 2011
Three Day Advanced Mediation Training Course - California	
National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals – Advanced Mediation Training	August, 2011
Two Day Advanced Mediation Training Course - Florida	
Association of Attorney-Mediators – Advanced Mediation Training	May, 2012
Two Day Advanced Mediation Training Course - Chicago	4 2012
National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals – Advanced Mediation Training	August, 2013
Two Day Advanced Mediation Training Course – Boston Popporting University School of Law Strong Institute for Dispute Population	March 2014
Pepperdine University School of Law – Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution Three Day Advanced Mediation Training Course - Maryland	March, 2014
Association of Attorney-Mediators – Advanced Mediation Training	May, 2014
Two Day Advanced Mediation Training Course – Atlanta	May, 2014
Resolute Systems, LLC – Advanced Mediation Training	October, 2014
One Day Advanced Mediation Training Course - Chicago	3 200 201 , 201 1
Pepperdine University School of Law – Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution	October, 2015
Three Day Advanced Mediation Training Course - Nashville	,
International Academy of Mediators – Advanced Mediation Training	September, 2016
Three Day Advanced Mediation Training Course - Vancouver	
Pepperdine University School of Law - Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution	June, 2017
Three Day Advanced Mediation Training Course – Malibu	
Association of Attorney-Mediators – Advanced Mediation Training	April, 2018
Advanced Mediation Training Course - Indianapolis	G
Association of Attorney-Mediators – Advanced Mediation Training	September, 2020
Advanced Mediation Training Course - Webinar	Ootobor 2020
International Academy of Mediators – Advanced Mediation Training Advanced Mediation Training Course – Webinar	October, 2020
Association of Attorney-Mediators – Advanced Mediation Training	April, 2021
Advanced Mediation Training Course - Webinar	Aprii, 2021
Association of Attorney-Mediators – Advanced Mediation Training	April, 2022
Advanced Mediation Training Course - Webinar	p,v
LEGAL EDUCATION	
Hofstra University School of Law	1980-1983
Degree J.D.	
National Institute for Trial Advocacy Teacher Training Program	1992
Certification	
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National Institute for Trial Advocacy Northeast Regional Program	1990
Certification	
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Hofstra University	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
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 Trial Techniques Program Outstanding Trial Skills & Leadership Award
- 2013-2023 Selected into Super Lawyers for Alternative Dispute Resolution
- 2016-2017 Selected into Alternative Dispute Resolution Champion, National Law Journal
- 2010-2023 Voted a "Best Individual Mediator" by lawyers in the New York Law Journal Annual Survey
- 2018-2024 Voted #1 Mediator in United States by lawyers in the National Law Journal Annual Survey



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