

RESOLUTE

DISPUTE RESOLUTION NATIONWIDE

HONORABLE JOSEPH P. SPINOLA

New York

Voted #1 Mediator in the U.S. – National Law Journal (2018-2025)



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
- Products Liability
- Business/Commercial
- Child Victims Act/Sexual Abuse
- Personal Injury
- Professional Malpractice
- Employment
- Wrongful Death
- Construction
- Labor Law
- Nursing Home
- Subrogation
- Insurance Coverage
- Premises Liability
- Real Estate
- Environmental
- Trucking

New York
Law Journal
Reader Rankings

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



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

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 products liability, automobile accidents, slip and fall accidents, assault, municipal liability, premises 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 products liability, premise liability, automobile accidents, slip and fall accidents, assault, and municipal 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 trials.	1986-1987

Rivkin, Radler, Dunne & Bayh

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.

1985-1986**Curtis, Hart & Zaklukiewicz**

124 Merrick Avenue, Merrick, NY

Law Clerk

Responsible for preparation of pleading and discovery practice in various types of negligence actions.

1984-1985**TEACHING POSITIONS****Hofstra University**

Instructor: Comprehensive Trial Preparation for the New York Paralegal

2009**Hofstra University Law School**

Instructor: Theory of the Case: Appellate Advocacy

Coach: National Trial Team

2009**New York State Bar Association**

Practical Skills Seminar: Basic Civil Practice – the Trial Lectured on motions, objections and requests to Charge.

2007**Advisory Board Member****Hofstra University – College of Liberal Art and Sciences****2007-Present****Special Professor of Law****Hofstra University Law School**

- Deposition Skills
- Trial Techniques

2007-Present**Adjunct Faculty Member of Hofstra University Law School****1999-Present****Hofstra Law School Trial Techniques Program***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.

1992-Present**National Institute for Trial Advocacy Northeast Regional Program***Instructor-Demonstrator*

Instructed lawyers on all aspects of trial techniques.

1993-Present**Widener University Law School Trial Advocacy Program***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.

1993**National Institute for Trial Advocacy Pacific Regional Program***Instructor-Demonstrator*

Instructed lawyers on all aspects of trial techniques.

1993

Trial Techniques Workshop for Nationwide and Wausau Insurance Companies <i>Instructor-Demonstrator</i> Instructed lawyers on all aspects of trial techniques in personal injury cases.	1992
National Institute for Trial Advocacy Mid-Atlantic Regional Program <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.	1992
Emory Law School Trial Advocacy Program <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.	1992

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

Lectured at the CLM New York Conference
“What’s my case worth? Winning at Mediation”
June 2017

Lectured at the CLM Annual Conference
“Advanced Mediation Advocacy”
March 2019

Lectured at the CLM Cyber, Management and Professional Liability Conference
“Mediation Strategies and Tactics for Aging Services Claims”
July 2019

Lectured at the Transportation Lawyers Association Chicago Conference
“How to Turn Irritating Settlement Negotiations into a Successful Mediation”
January 2022

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

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

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 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
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
International Academy of Mediators – Advanced Mediation Training Advanced Mediation Training Course - Malibu	June, 2017
Association of Attorney-Mediators – Advanced Mediation Training Advanced Mediation Training Course – Indianapolis	April, 2018
Association of Attorney-Mediators – Advanced Mediation Training Advanced Mediation Training Course - Webinar	September, 2020
International Academy of Mediators – Advanced Mediation Training Advanced Mediation Training Course – Webinar	October, 2020
International Academy of Mediators – Advanced Mediation Training Advanced Mediation Training Course – Webinar	April, 2021
Association of Attorney-Mediators – Advanced Mediation Training Advanced Mediation Training Course - Webinar	April, 2022

LEGAL EDUCATION

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 – The Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM)
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
2013-2025 Selected into Super Lawyers for Alternative Dispute Resolution
2016-2017 Selected into Alternative Dispute Resolution Champion, National Law Journal
2010-2024 Voted a “Best Individual Mediator” by lawyers in the *New York Law Journal* Annual Survey
2018-2025 Voted #1 Mediator in United States by lawyers in the *National Law Journal* Annual Survey
2025 – Herald Honoree for Top Lawyers of Long Island



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