



Judge Elaine Gordon (ret.)
Curriculum Vitae

September 2011- Present

Principal Member of Gordon ADR, an Alternative Dispute Resolution company, specializing in Mediations and Arbitrations

Roster of Neutrals - American Arbitration Association
Roster of Neutrals - National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals
Pro Bono Counsel - Connecticut Children's Justice Foundation
Board Member - Statewide Legal Services of Connecticut
United States District Court - Special Master
Connecticut Superior Court - Discovery Master

1988 – August, 2011

Trial Judge, Superior Court of the State of Connecticut

Adjudicated or facilitated the resolution of thousands of criminal, family and civil cases, in a variety of subject areas, including business, employment, partnership, construction, personal injury, property, land use, estate, and family disputes. Diverse caseload has ranged between the valuation of a nuclear power plant to murder trials. Since 1994, and the inception of our Court Annexed Mediation Program, had served as a member of its panel of judge-mediators.

Other Judicial Activities: Chair, Connecticut Judicial Institute; Chair, Judicial Education Committee; Chair, Electronic Benchbook Technology Committee; Judicial (Conduct) Review Council; Superior Court Executive Committee; Civil Division Task Force, Family Division Planning Committee; Civil, Family Divisions Technology Committee; Administrative Judge, Middlesex Judicial District; Asst. Administrative Judge, New Haven Judicial District, Presiding Judge, Complex family Litigation Docket (RFTD); Presiding Judge Civil, Criminal, Family, Middlesex, New Haven, and New London Judicial Districts; Video, Putting Children First.

Instructor, Connecticut Judicial Institute, Rhode Island Judiciary, New Jersey Judicial Meeting; National Institute for Trial Advocacy, Connecticut Bar Association; New Haven Bar Association; Hartford Bar Association; Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association; Connecticut Academy Of Matrimonial Lawyers: Courses taught include: Mediation Skills for Judges, Effective Settlement Techniques, Pre-trial Skills, Managing Trials Effectively, Modern Case Management, Conducting a Productive Pretrial, Managing Difficult People; Civil Restraining Orders; Contempt; Effective Advocacy; Trial Technique.

1976 -1988

Practicing Attorney - Civil, Criminal, Family, and Governmental matters

Professional Activities

Instructor, Trial Skills; Yale Law School
President, New Haven- Koskoff American Inns of Court
Charter Fellow, Connecticut Bar Foundation
Bench - Bar Committee, New Haven and Middlesex County Bar Associations

Continuing Education

Mediation Skills (40 hours); Advanced Mediation (45 hours); National Conference, Judicial Education in Technology; Law and Genetics; Law and Economics; Bioethics; Business Valuations; Advanced Business Valuations; National Judicial College, Training for Trainers; Advanced Mediator Training Series: Managing the Dynamics of a Multi-Party Case; Arbitration Fundamentals and Best Practices.

Recognition

Recipient of the Honorable Robert C. Zampano Award for Excellence in Mediation.

This award recognizes and celebrates leadership, initiative and creativity in Mediation as determined by the Board of Directors of Community Mediation in New Haven, CT.

Memberships

New Haven County Bar Association
Middlesex County Bar Association
Connecticut Bar Association
American Bar Association

Education

J.D., High Honors, University of Connecticut School of Law
B.S. Journalism, Honors, Northwestern University, Medill School of Journalism