

**Gene J. Esshaki**  
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- Profession:** Attorney concentrating in commercial, corporate, complex business litigation, arbitration, facilitation and mediation.
- Employment:** Shareholder, Abbott, Nicholson, Quilter, Esshaki & Youngblood, P.C., 1974 to Present; Member Board of Directors 1974 to 2004; Member Executive Committee 1985 to December 2004 and CEO 1999 to December 2004.
- Experience:** Forty years' experience as a business, corporate and commercial transaction attorney; concentrating in business and complex commercial litigation. General Counsel Representation of closely held companies with sales ranging from \$1 Million to multi-billion dollars. Special counsel to national and multi-national corporations. Handled all aspects of business law and litigation for clients in every field of endeavor. Also managed the business of a fully integrated, medium size business law firm, most recently as CEO.
- Alternative Dispute Resolution Experience:** Arbitrator: American Arbitration Association 1979 to Present; arbitrated cases ranging from \$5,000 to \$500 Million as sole arbitrator and as a member of three-person panels. Prosecuted and defended numerous arbitration cases on behalf of clients within and outside the AAA. Member AAA Commercial Panel, the Complex Case Panel and Mass Claims Panel; Member Advisory Board, Complex Case Panel, AAA Southfield, Michigan. Hearing Panelist, Attorney Discipline Board. Case Evaluator, Wayne County Mediation Tribunal Association; Approved Mediator: Wayne, Oakland, Washtenaw and Macomb Counties and U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan.
- Alternative Dispute Resolution Training:** ICLE Featured Speaker, 2010 Masters in Mediation Series; Faculty Member: Annual Dispute Resolution Institute State Bar of Michigan-2004 to 2013; Guest Lecturer: The essentials of Arbitration, Cooley Law School, 2010 and 2011. AAA Arbitration Roadmap: The Standard for Efficient and Cost Effective Arbitration, 2008; AAA Chairing an Arbitration Panel: Managing Procedures, Process & Dynamics (ACE 005); AAA Arbitration Awards: Safeguarding, Deciding & Writing (ACE 001): Faculty, AAA 2003 and 2002 Annual Arbitrator's Update; Instructor AAA Summer Program re continuing education for Neutral Arbitrators on Drafting Arbitration Agreements, August 2005; Participant, AAA Annual Neutral's Update, 2005 and 2004; State Bar of Michigan, The Brain Science Behind Mediation; Mediating With Highly Positional Parties, 2008; Institute for Continuing Legal Education Advanced Mediation Training 3/05 and 2/02; - Five-day Mediator Workshop, 9/01; AAA Instructor AAA Neutral's Training Program 12/02; Commercial Arbitrator II Workshop, Southfield, 2/01; AAA sponsored training for Prudential Mass Claims ADR program, 6/99; AAA Commercial Arbitrator Training Workshop, Orlando, 10/98; AAA Large Complex Case Program Training, 8/98; Mediator International Mediation Institute, 2009
- September, 2014 to present: United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, Special Master In Re Automotive Parts Antitrust Litigation.
- Professional License:** Admitted to Bar: Michigan, 1974; U.S. District Court, Eastern and Western Districts of Michigan; Sixth Circuit; United States Supreme Court; Michigan Supreme Court Certified Mediator 2/02.
- Professional Associations:** American Bar Association (Litigation and General Practice Section); Michigan Bar Association (Alternative Dispute Resolution Section [Council Member]; General Practice Section; Litigation Section); Oakland County Bar Association; Macomb County Bar Association; Metropolitan Detroit Bar Association (Past Director; Member ADR Section Council); Detroit Bar Foundation (Past Trustee-President); Michigan Bar Foundation (Fellow); Member, American Board of Trial Advocates; Member International Mediator Institute; 2010 Recipient ADR Section George N. Bashara Award for contribution to the field of ADR.
- Education:** Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan (B.A.-1971); (JD-1974).
- Hourly Rate:** \$450.00 per hour.