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HONORABLE JOSEPH P. SPINOLA
East Meadow, NY



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.

Judge Spinola has extensive experience litigating and presiding over a wide array of civil disputes including personal injury, complex commercial, contract, business, employment, professional malpractice and financial matters. In addition to his ADR practice, Judge Spinola is a partner in the law firm of Helwig, Henderson, Ryan and Spinola and 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 25 + 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.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

**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

Partner/Trial Lawyer

Concentrating in personal injury trials

1997-2002

Joachim, Flanzig, Frommer & Madigan

323 Willis Avenue, Mineola, NY

Trial Lawyer

Responsible for conducting personal injury trials in various negligence cases including premises liability, automobile accidents, slip and fall accidents, assault, municipal liability and products liability and medical malpractice.

1995-1997

Thurm & Heller

26 Broadway, New York, NY

Trial Lawyer

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. The 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 and settlement conference and trails.	1986-1987
Rivkin, Radler, Dunne & Bayh EAB Plaza, Uniondale, NY <i>Associate</i> 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 <i>Law Clerk</i> 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 Instruct and demonstrate intensive trial techniques and deposition skills to law students.	2007-Present
Adjunct Faculty Member of Hofstra University Law School	1999-Present

Hofstra Law School Trial Techniques Program <i>Instructor-Demonstrator</i> (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 <i>Instructor-Demonstrator</i> Instructed lawyers on all aspects of trial techniques.	1993-Present
Widener University Law School Trial Advocacy Program <i>Instructor-Demonstrator</i> Instructed and demonstrated various trail 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 <i>Instructor-Demonstrator</i> 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 an demonstrated to law students various trial techniques such as direct and cross examination of expert witnesses and lay persons, opening statements and 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
"Technology in the Courtroom"
November 2009

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

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

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
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)

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.

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