

HON. RALPH A. BEISNER (RET.)

Justice of the Supreme Court, Dutchess

Hon. Ralph A. Beisner retired in 2002 as a New York Supreme Court Justice having been elected to two terms for the counties of Westchester, Rockland, Putnam, Dutchess and Orange. He served a total of eighteen (18) years, during which time he resolved more than 10,000 cases by trial or facilitated settlement. For more than a decade, Judge Beisner participated in the New York State Office of Court Administration's Mediation Training Program. He presently serves as a full-time mediator and arbitrator with NAM specializing in personal injury, medical malpractice, securities, real estate and land use issues, in addition to complex insurance matters.

Before being elected to the bench Judge Beisner managed a private law firm for almost five years, overseeing a variety of real estate matters, trust and estate issues, insurance cases, in addition to complex corporate litigation. He is both licensed and familiar with the primary securities markets, particularly mutual funds, variable annuities and insurance. During this time, he also held the part-time position of counsel to the New York State Assembly's Minority Leader. In fact, Judge Beisner has played a very active role in his community having served as the director of the Northern Dutchess Hospital, and as the former member and chairman of the Town of Clinton's Zoning Board of Appeals.

Judge Beisner is a general editor of a trial practice text, Civil Trials in New York. In his capacity as a judge he has appeared on national television as a guest on the *Phil Donabue Show* and the *Geraldo Rivera Show* to discuss matrimonial law. Judge Beisner has also participated in various legal seminars hosted by The New York State Bar Association, the Dutchess County Medical Society, the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, the Dutchess County Magistrates Association, the Dutchess County Bar Association, NYS Trial Lawyers Institute and the Office of Court Administration. He is listed in Who's Who in America, 56th Edition and Who's Who in American Law, 7th Edition.

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION EXPERIENCE

- Automobile Accidents
- Business/Commercial
- Insurance
- Land Use
- Medical Malpractice
- Negligence
- Personal Injury
- Premises Liability
- Product Liability
- Professional Liability
- Property
- Real Estate
- Securities
- Trust and Estates

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

- Justice of the Supreme Court of New York, 9th Judicial District (1984-2002)

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Private Practice, Dutchess County (1979-1983)
- Counsel, New York State Assembly (1979-1983)
- Assistant Attorney General, New York State Attorney General's Office, Poughkeepsie (1976-1978)
- Assistant District Attorney, Queens County, New York (1969-1973)

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

- New York State Bar
- United States District Court, Eastern and Southern Districts of New York
- United States Second Circuit Court of Appeals

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- New York State Bar Association
- Dutchess County Bar Association
- Association of Justices of the Supreme Court of New York
- American Judges Association
- NASD Licensed Securities Representative, Series 6 and 63 (NY)
- NYS Licensed Life, Accident and Health Insurance Agent

EDUCATION

- Brooklyn Law School, J.D. (1968)
- Wagner College, B.A. (1964)