

HON. JAMES P. DOLLARD (RET.)

Justice Supreme Court, Queens

Hon. James P. Dollard joined National Arbitration and Mediation (NAM) as a full-time mediator and arbitrator in 2009 after his many years of service to the State of New York. Since 1995, Judge Dollard has established a reputation as a preeminent jurist in Queens County, New York. He was elected to the Queens County Civil Court in 1995, appointed an Acting Supreme Court Justice in 1999 and was elected to the Supreme Court in 2000 where he remained until his retirement.

Judge Dollard has a strong background in the areas of personal injury, medical malpractice, labor law, and premises liability matters. While serving as a judge in the Supreme Court in Queens County, Judge Dollard supervised the Medical, Dental and Podiatric Medical Malpractice Part exclusively for four years. During this time he worked on a wide range claims, including but not limited to severe brain damage cases, death actions in dental cases, failure to diagnose, cancer cases, nursing home abuse, and childbirth/infant cases. One representative matter in particular involved a multi-million dollar case for failure to diagnose preeclampsia, causing severe brain damage to the child resulting in 24-hour care and permanent confinement to a wheelchair.

During his career, Judge Dollard played a very active role in the legal community serving as president of the Queens County Bar Association; member of the House of Delegates of the New York State Bar Association; president of the Law Assistant's Association of the City of New York; vice chair of the Unified Court System Employment Relations Review Board; member of the Local Court Advisory Committee; the Civil Case Flow Committee for the U.S District Court, Eastern District; the Grievance Committee for the Second and Eleventh Judicial Districts; and the chair of the Joint Bar Association Committee for the evaluation of administrative law judges for the New York City Parking Violations Bureau. Judge Dollard also served on the New York State Bar Association Committee on Court Operations, the successor to the Judicial Administration Committee.

Judge Dollard has written numerous articles and has presented numerous Continuing Legal Education courses on civil practice. His commentaries on CPLR Article 3 are published in Volume 4A of the New York Consolidated Laws Service (CLS). He has also taught at the college and graduate level as an adjunct professor at Long Island University, Graduate Finance Division; adjunct professor at St. Vincent's College of St. John's University, in addition to working as an instructor of Civil Practice for Court Employees at Court Career Courses, Inc.

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION EXPERIENCE

- Automobile Accidents
- Business/Commercial
- Construction
- Employment
- Insurance/Re-Insurance Coverage
- Labor Law
- Medical Malpractice
- Negligence
- Personal Injury
- Premises Liability
- Professional Liability

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

- Justice Supreme Court (2001-2009)
- Former Justice of the Civil Court (1995-2000)

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Principal Law Clerk, Hon. Alfred D. Lerner, Administrative Judge of Queens County (1989-1995)
- Managing Partner, Blum, Gersen, Dollard and Stream (1976-1989)
- Senior Litigation Attorney, Blum, Haimoff, Gersen, Lipson and Szabad (1976-1989)
- Chief, Law Department of the Supreme Court in Queens
- Law Clerk, Honorable George Beldock, Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division, 2nd Department

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

- New York State Bar
- New York Second Department
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Southern and Eastern Districts of New York

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & MEMBERSHIPS

- *Former President*, Queens County Bar Association
- *Member*, House of Delegates of the New York State Bar Association
- *Former President*, Law Assistant's Association of the City of New York
- Vice Chair, Unified Court System Employment Relations Review Board
- *Former Member*, Local Court Advisory Committee
- *Former Member*, Civil Case Flow Committee for the U.S District Court, Eastern District
- *Former Member*, Grievance Committee for the Second and Eleventh Judicial Districts
- *Chair*, Joint Bar Association Committee for the evaluation of administrative law judges for the New York City Parking Violations Bureau.
- *Former Member*, New York State Bar Association Committee on Court Operations, the successor to the Judicial Administration Committee.

EDUCATION

- Columbia School of Law School, LL.B. (1959)
- Fordham University, B.S. (1954)

TEACHING & PUBLICATIONS

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- *Adjunct Professor*, Long Island University, Graduate Finance Division
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