



**HON. IRA GAMMERMAN (Ret.)**

*Justice of the Supreme Court, New York*

After a distinguished and illustrious judicial career, Justice Gammerman is now a full-time mediator and arbitrator with NAM. For the past 32 years, Justice Gammerman has presided over the civil side of the Supreme Court, New York County, first as a Supreme Court Justice and then as a Judicial Hearing Officer.

Justice Gammerman's judicial career began in 1979, when he was elected to the New York City Civil Court, New York County. He became an Acting Supreme Court Justice in 1981, and was elected to the Supreme Court in 1983. During the period from 1983 through 1993, Judge Gammerman was primarily responsible for all of the medical malpractice cases in New

York County. In 1993, he was one of the first judges to be selected to try commercial cases and one of the four judges assigned to the Commercial Division when it was established in 1995. As a commercial judge, he heard a wide variety of cases including business disputes, business torts, contract disputes, arbitrability issues, contract interpretation, land disputes, employment cases, technology cases and financial and banking disputes. These cases presented a wide spectrum of challenging and fascinating issues. Upon his mandatory retirement in 2004, Judge Gammerman continued as a Commercial Division Judge (as a Judicial Hearing Officer), at the same time presiding over the Calendar and General Assignment Part in Supreme Court, New York County. While sitting in the Calendar and General Assignment Part, Judge Gammerman handled a diverse array of matters including personal injury, malpractice, defamation, and other tort claims.

Prior to joining the bench, Judge Gammerman was in private practice. In this regard, he represented trade unions as a labor lawyer and conducted trials of personal injury cases.

As a civil trial judge and as a private practitioner for the last 60 years, Judge Gammerman has tried, conferenced and resolved thousands of cases. Judge Gammerman has the natural skills and extensive legal experience required to assist parties in reaching resolutions in mediations and to render prompt, equitable and well-reasoned decisions in arbitrations.

## ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION EXPERIENCE

- Attorney Malpractice
- Banking and Finance
- Business/Commercial/Corporate
- Communication/Media
- Construction
- Consumer Law
- Electronic Commerce
- Employment Rights/Labor
- Entertainment and the Arts
- Equipment Finance/Leasing
- Franchising Law
- Insurance
- International Commerce Law
- Investment Securities
- Labor Law
- Maritime Law
- Medical Malpractice
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Negligence
- Partnership Law
- Personal Injury
- Premises Liability
- Privacy Law
- Professional Malpractice
- Property/Land Law/Leasing
- Securities/Financial
- Technology and Science
- Torts and Product Liability
- Trade Secrets
- Trusts and Estates

## JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

- Judge of the Civil Court, NY Co. (1979-1981)
- Acting Justice, Supreme Court, NY Co. (1981-1983)
- Justice, Supreme Court, NY Co. (1983-2003)
- Judicial Hearing Officer, Supreme Court, NY Co. (2003-2011)

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Partner, Bromsen & Gammerman (1954-1963)
- Partner, Bomsen, Gammerman, Altier & Wayne (1964-1978)

## PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

- Admitted to practice in the State of New York
- District Court, District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court, Southern and Eastern Districts of New York
- United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- United States Supreme Court

## EDUCATION

- Columbia College, (1947)
- Columbia Law School, J.D., (1950))

## HONORS and AWARDS

- Extraordinary Contributions Award as Justice of the Commercial Division, NY County Lawyers Association (2000)
- Hon. Louis J. Capazzoli Gavel Award, NY County Lawyers Association (2004)
- Distinguished Judicial Service Award, NY County Lawyers Association (2004)
- Jurist of the Year Award, Metropolitan Black Bar Association (2005)

## PUBLICATIONS

- Senior Member, Pattern Jury Instruction (PJI) Committee, (1992-present)