

HON. BERTRAM R. GELFAND (RET.)

Judge of the Surrogate Court, Bronx

Hon. Bertram Gelfand is an authority in the field of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) having served as a mediator and arbitrator for the last twenty (20) years of his distinguished career. Prior to entering the private ADR sector, Judge Gelfand was an influential and highly regarded Jurist, having been twice elected Judge of the Surrogate Court in Bronx County. He served for ten years as the representative of the Surrogates of the State of New York on the Judicial Conference. Judge Gelfand was also a member of the State Commission on Judicial Compensation, by appointment of the Speaker of the Assembly.

On six occasions the State Commission on Judicial Nominations presented Judge Gelfand to the Governor as one of groups of four to seven individuals found most highly qualified for appointment to be an Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals. The same Commission selected Judge Gelfand as one of nine nominees found most highly qualified to be appointed Chief Judge of the State of New York.

Having heard thousands of cases, and authored well over 100 officially reported decisions many of which remain the seminal authority on a multiplicity of issues and continue to be frequently cited, Judge Gelfand entered the private ADR sector with a wealth of expertise.

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION EXPERIENCE

- **Business/Commercial Law**
- **Employment**
- **Insurance/Re-Insurance Coverage**
- **Intellectual Property**
- **Labor Law**
- **Medical Malpractice**
- **Negligence**
- **Personal Injury**
- **Premises Liability**
- **Trust & Estates**

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

- Judge of the Surrogate Court, Bronx, NY (1973-1987)

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

- New York State Bar
- United States Supreme Court
- United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit

EDUCATION

- New York University School of Law, J.D. (1953)
- New York University, B.A. (1951)

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Mediator & Arbitrator, National Arbitration and Mediation (NAM) (2008-Present)
- Private Practice, Bertram R. Gelfand, Attorney at Law (1994-Present)
- Of Counsel, Spector, Scher & Feldman (1987-1994)
- Private Practice (1971-1972)
- Member, Appel, Cobert & Gelfand (1966-1970)
- Member, New York City Council, (1966-1972)
- Member, Finance, Charter & Governmental Operation, State Legislation; Committee on Housing (1971-1972)
- Chairman, Special Committee on Public Transportation (1971-1972)
- Assistant District Attorney, (1960-1965)
- Representative, NYS District Attorney's Association, Penal Law Revision Commission (1960)
- Private Practice, (1957-1960)

MEMBERSHIPS & PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Member, Bronx County Bar Association
- Member, New York State Bar Association
- Former Member, New York State Trial Lawyers Association

PUBLICATIONS

- Trust and Estate Section of General Practice in New York, West Publishing Company (1997)