

HON. EDWARD J. GREENFIELD (RET.)

Justice of the Supreme Court, New York

Hon. Edward J. Greenfield has a varied and distinguished career in the court system and in service to his country. He was elected a Judge of the Civil Court in 1963 and was named an Acting Supreme Court Justice in 1965. He has a wealth of legal expertise having handled over 35,000 cases, both civil and criminal, dealing with torts, contracts, business disputes and public affairs. Almost all of his decisions have withstood appeal with 99.97% of them remaining un-reversed. Since his retirement Judge Greenfield has been working as a mediator and arbitrator with NAM specializing in complex commercial/business cases, personal injury matters, in addition to employment, construction and labor law disputes.

Judge Greenfield service to his country began upon his completion of an intensive course in the Japanese language at the University of Colorado, which helped to prepare him for his five years in the Pacific during World War II as a Naval Intelligence officer. He was among the first wave of Americans into Hiroshima and Nagasaki and assisted in negotiating the preliminary conditions for the armistice with the occupation of Japan. It was after the war that Judge Greenfield attended Harvard Law School. After graduation, he worked as a litigator for a private law firm trying insurance, fraud and commercial code cases.

His work within the court system began with his position as law secretary to Presiding Justice Bernard Botein of the Appellate Division, where Judge Greenfield served for over five years. In this role Judge Greenfield helped to review and draft opinions on thousands of varied cases that were up on appeal. It was during this time that he developed his extensive legal and appellate expertise. Judge Greenfield then joined the law firm of Proskauer Rose Goetz & Mendelsohn as a principal litigator and was also designated as a Special Referee by the New York State Court System.

Judge Greenfield has had hundreds of published opinions of major significance, some of which include *I.B.M. v. Mazda*, involving a one billion dollar contract dispute on the impact of alternative minimum tax on a long-term leveraged lease agreement; *T.D. v. Office of Metal Health*, where he ruled that the State cannot experiment on mentally-ill juveniles in their care; *Onassis v. Dior*, the exploitation of a well-known person in a commercial advertisement through the use of look-alike violates the right of privacy; and *Aboujdid v. Gulf Air*, where an action against a Malaysian airline whose negligence in allowing armed terrorists to transfer to a French airline in Athens gave rise to the hijacking of Israeli and British passengers.

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION EXPERIENCE

- Appellate Practice
- Business/Commercial
- Construction
- Employment
- Insurance
- Intellectual Property
- Labor
- Legal Ethics
- Maritime Law
- Medical Malpractice
- Negligence
- Personal Injury
- Premises Liability
- Privacy Law
- Product Liability
- Professional Liability

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JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

- Justice of the Supreme Court of New York
- Judge, Civil Court New York

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Special Referee, New York Court System
- Litigator, Proskauer Rose Goetz & Mendelsohn
- Law Secretary, Presiding Justice Bernard Botein of the Appellate Division
- Litigator, Private Law Firm

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

- New York State Bar

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Former Chairman, Board of Justices, First Department
- Former President, New York City Association of Supreme Court Justices
- Former President and Chairman of the Board of the Association of the Supreme Court Justices
- New York State Bar Association
- American Bar Association.

EDUCATION

- Harvard University School of Law, J.D.
- New York University, B.A.