

HON. BARBARA ODWAK

Master Arbitrator, Kings

Hon. Barbara Odwak has been working in the field of ADR since the mid-1980's and has mediated and arbitrated thousands of cases in the areas of personal injury, labor law, product liability, real estate, commercial and bankruptcy matters. Many of these cases have been complex matters, mostly personal injury, with many related to labor law or products liability. She is often selected as a mediator or arbitrator for difficult matters involving injuries of a serious and highly personal nature requiring the utmost sensitivity and understanding.

Prior to joining NAM, she was a Master Arbitrator with the No Fault, New York State Insurance Department and an Arbitrator in Civil Court. Judge Odwak has extensive ADR training and experience, and has obtained her Certificate of Conflict and Dispute Resolution from New York University in 2003.

In addition to working with NAM, Judge Odwak is a court-appointed evaluator, attorney for the alleged incompetent and *Guardian Ad Litem* charged with reviewing the accounting for several Guardianship matters. Additionally, she continues to serve on the mediation and arbitration panel for the U.S. District Court, Eastern District and offers her mediation services for them on a pro-bono basis.

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION EXPERIENCE

- Automobile Accidents
- Business/Commercial
- Elder Law
- Estates & Probate
- Insurance/Re-Insurance Coverage
- Labor Law
- Negligence
- Personal Injury
- Premises Liability
- Real Estate

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

- Administrative Law Judge, Environmental Protection Agency
- Administrative Law Judge, the New York City Taxi & Limousine Commission
- Administrative Law Judge, Parking Violations Bureau

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Private Practice, Law Offices of Barbara S. Odwak (1999-Present)
- Partner, Gursky & Odwak (1984-1999)
- Associate, Glabman Rubenstein & Reingold (1982-1984)
- Associate, Ganz Hollinger & Towe (1980-1982)

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION TRAINING & EXPERIENCE

- Certificate of Conflict and Dispute Resolution, New York University (2003)
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District Arbitration and Mediation Panel
- Arbitrator, Civil Court, Small Claims Part
- Master Arbitrator, New York Insurance Department, No-Fault Division
- Arbitrator & Mediator, American Arbitration Association (1980-1997)
- Arbitrator & Mediator, National Arbitration & Mediation (1997-Present)

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

- Admitted to practice in the State of New York (1981)
- U.S. District Court, Eastern and Southern Districts of New York (1981)
- Tax Court (1981)
- U.S. Supreme Court (1984)

MEMBERSHIPS & PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- *Trustee & Director*, Brooklyn Bar Association
- *Former President*, Brooklyn Women's Bar Association
- *Former Vice President*, Women's Bar Association of the State of New York
- *Chair*, Brooklyn Bar Association's Arbitration Fee Committee and Mediation Committee
- *Member*, Brooklyn Bar Association's Grievance Committee
- *Former Chair*, Tort Committee for the Women's Bar Association for the State of New York
- *Member*, New York State Bar Association's Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee
- *Member*, Brooklyn Bar Association

EDUCATION

- Bernard M. Baruch City University of New York, M.B.A. (1983)
- Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, J.D. (1980)
- Bernard M. Baruch City University of New York, B.S. *cum laude* (1977)