

SHELLEY ROSSOFF OLSEN, ESQ.

Former Senior Court Mediator, Summary Jury Trial Judge, New York

Shelley Rossoff Olsen was the Senior Court Mediator and Summary Jury Trial Judge in the Supreme Court, New York County, Civil Division. She has an extensive background in civil law and is highly respected by both the plaintiff and the defense bars. Ms. Olsen is known as an exceptional mediator and arbitrator, having settled thousands of matters in a wide variety of case types. She is considered to be an authority on alternative dispute resolution and facilitated settlements.

Prior to her work in the Court system, Ms. Olsen developed a strong background in litigation representing both plaintiffs and defendants in civil matters. She began her career as a private practitioner and quickly transitioned over to the District Attorney's Office in Nassau County in 1984 as an Assistant District Attorney, where she prosecuted over 30 jury and bench trials. Four years later, Ms. Olsen joined Bower & Gardner, one of the preeminent medical malpractice defense firms in New York City as a senior litigation attorney. At the 200+ attorney law firm, she successfully tried more than 100 complex medical malpractice cases. She continued her defense litigation practice at Martin, Clearwater & Bell, defending over 150 files for the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation. After that Ms. Olsen concluded her trial practice as a plaintiffs' attorney at Trolman, Glaser & Lichtman, where she tried tort cases, including medical malpractice, labor law, lead poisoning, premises liability and personal injury.

In 2000, Ms. Olsen left trial practice to work as a court attorney at the Appellate Division, First Department, where she wrote extensively on issues including complex insurance issues, labor law, negligence, and employment discrimination for over five years. Her work in the Appellate Division, thoroughly prepared her for her eventual transition to Senior Court Mediator and Summary Jury Trial Judge. In 2010, she joined National Arbitration and Mediation (NAM) as a full-time mediator and arbitrator specializing in complex dispute resolution.

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION EXPERIENCE

- **Agricultural**
- **Automobile Accidents**
- **Aviation Law**
- **Biotechnology**
- **Business/Commercial**
- **Construction**
- **Consumer Law**
- **Education Law**
- **Employment**
- **Entertainment Law & the Arts**
- **Food and Drugs, Pharmaceutical**
- **Insurance/Re-Insurance Coverage**
- **Intellectual Property**
- **Labor Law**
- **Maritime Law/Jones Act**
- **Medical Malpractice**
- **Negligence**
- **Personal Injury**
- **Premises Liability**
- **Products Liability**
- **Professional Liability**
- **Toxic Torts**

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Summary Jury Trial Judge, Supreme Court, New York County, Civil Division (2008-2009)
- Former Senior Court Mediator, Supreme Court New York County, Civil Branch (2005-2009)
- Principal Court Attorney, Supreme Court, Appellate Division, 1st Dept. (2000-2005)
- Attorney, Trolman, Glaser & Lichtman (1996-2000)
- Senior Associate, Martin, Clearwater & Bell (1994-1996)
- Senior Attorney, Bower & Gardner (1987-1994)
- Assistant District Attorney, Nassau County (1984-1987)

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

- New York State Bar
- U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York

ACTIVITIES & MEMBERSHIPS

- Co-chair, Medical Malpractice Committee of the New York County Lawyers' Association
- Tort Advisory Committee, Supreme Court, New York County
- Tort Litigation Committee, New York City Bar Association

EDUCATION

- New York Law School, J.D. (1981)
- New York University, B.S. (1977)

LECTURES & PUBLICATIONS

- Panelist, *Mediation and ADR in the New York Courts - CLE Program*, New York Women's Bar Association (2010).
- Faculty, *Automobile Litigation - CLE Program*, New York State Trial Lawyers Association (2009).
- Program Chair, *Mediation as a Beneficial Option in Litigation: Learn the Strategies to Win Your Cases - CLE Program*, New York City Bar (2007).