



HON. JOSEPH J. RISI (RET.)
Justice of the Supreme Court, Queens

Honorable Joseph J. Risi a former Queens County Supreme Court Justice and former Supervising Judge of the Civil Court in Queens, has over fifteen years of service to the bench. He was first elected as a Civil Court Judge in Queens County in 1988 and was elevated to the position of Supervising Judge of the Civil Court in 1992, before being elected as Supreme Court Justice in Queens County in 1998. Judge Risi retired in late 2005 and joined NAM as a mediator and arbitrator in 2006 specializing in complex personal injury and medical malpractice matters.

Prior to his election to the bench, Judge Risi served as Counsel to the Appeals Board Department of Labor Division of Employment. He was an Instructor in Legal Education at Brooklyn College's Adult Education Division. He also served as a Law Secretary to Supreme Court Justice Mario J. Carrillo. In addition, Justice Risi was the Director of Community Planning Boards for Queens County and an Aviation Sub-Committee Chairman of the Tri-State Metropolitan Regional Council. He returned to private practice in 1977 for the firm of Risi, Merrill & Santospirito.

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION EXPERIENCE

- Insurance
- Medical Malpractice
- Negligence
- Personal Injury
- Premises Liability
- Products Liability
- Professional Liability
- Torts

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

- Justice, Supreme Court Queens County (1998-2005)
- Supervising Justice, Civil Court Queens County (1992-1996)
- Judge, Civil Court of the City of New York, Queens County (1988-1998)

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Partner, Risi, Merrill & Santospirito (1977-1988)
- Law Secretary, Supreme Court Justice Mario J. Cariello

- Instructor, Brooklyn College, Adult Education Division
- Counsel, Appeals Board Department of Labor Division of Employment

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

- New York State Bar (1954)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & MEMBERSHIPS

- Director, Community Planning Boards for Queens County
- Aviation Sub-Committee Chairman, Tri-State Metropolitan Council
- Queens County Bar Association

EDUCATION

- Brooklyn Law School (L.L.B. 1953)
- St. John's University (B.S. 1950)