

## HON. JOSEPH A. SUOZZI (RET.)

*Associate Justice, Appellate Division, 2nd Department*

Hon. Joseph A. Suozzi was elected to the bench of the City Court of Glen Cove at the age of 28 and at that time he was said to be the youngest elected or appointed Judge in the United States. He was reelected and served another two years before voluntarily resigning in order to run for Mayor of Glen Cove and Supervisor of Nassau County. Judge Suozzi was elected to this position serving as the City's Mayor for four years. Judge Suozzi then returned to his position on the bench when he was elected to a four-year term as Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York. He was then re-elected for another term with bipartisan support prior to his appointment by Governor Hugh Cary to the Appellate Division, Second Department as Associate Justice.

After leaving the bench Judge Suozzi returned to private practice. He is a named partner and active member of the law firm of Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein, P.C., and also serves as a mediator and arbitrator with National Arbitration and Mediation, specializing in complex business/commercial matters, personal injury, labor law and professional malpractice cases.

Judge Suozzi is a graduate of Harvard Law School. After graduation he entered the military with the U.S. Air Force, completed the prescribed training at Coral Gables, Florida, and went on to become a navigator assigned to a B-24 bombing crew of the 15th Air Force based at Torretta Air Field in Cerignola, Italy. He completed 35 bombing missions in Austria, Yugoslavia, Germany, and Italy for which he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with Three Clusters. He was later reassigned as a Classification Officer in Greensboro, North Carolina prior to being discharged.

Judge Suozzi began his legal career after he was admitted to the practice of law in the State of New York and joined with then Mayor Luke Mercadante as a law partner with an office in Glen Cove. The law firm became Mercadante, Suozzi, and Sordi, with the addition of Nicholas A. Sordi. Judge Suozzi continued to practice law with Nick Sordi in the firm of Suozzi and Sordi until his election to the Supreme Court.

### ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION EXPERIENCE

- Appellate Practice
- Business/Commercial
- Land Use
- Mental Health
- Municipal Law
- Negligence
- Personal Injury
- Premises Liability
- Products Liability
- Professional Liability
- Trust & Estates

### JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

- Associate Justice, Appellate Division, 2nd Department, Supreme Court (1976-1980)
- Justice of the Supreme Court (1961-1976)
- Judge, Glen Cove City (1949-1955)

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Partner, Meyer, Suzzo, English & Klein, P.C. (1980-Present)
- Mayor of Glen Cove, NY and Supervisor of the County of Nassau (1956-1960)
- Partner, Mercadante, Suzzo & Sordi

## PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

- New York State Bar

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association
- Nassau County Bar Association
- Trustee, North Shore University Hospital

## EDUCATION

- Harvard Law School, J.D. (1948)