



**HON. PAUL A. VICTOR (Ret.)**

*Justice of the Supreme Court, New York*

Having recently retired as a Justice of the New York Supreme Court, Honorable Paul A. Victor brings significant legal expertise to NAM's Metro New York panel. Judge Victor has presided over and handled a wide variety of case types throughout his illustrious career, including medical malpractice, complex commercial real estate transactions, and personal injury disputes. He served more than ten years as a hearing officer for the Medical Malpractice Mediation Panel in Bronx County, as well as a hearing officer at the Conciliation and Appeals Board and arbitrator for the Civil Court of the City of New York. His fair, proactive approach to resolving disputes has consistently proven enormously effective, and he is known for his outstanding results. Judge Victor's achievements have merited both the Bronx Bar Association's Extraordinary Service

Award and the Columbian Lawyers Association's Charles A. Rapallo Award.

Judge Victor was elected to the Supreme Court in January 2000, where he served until retirement in December, 2009. More than 100 of his decisions were selected for publication by the New York Law Journal as a "Decision of Interest" and/or by the New York State Official Reporter as a decision "considered as worthy of being reported because of its usefulness as a precedent or important as a matter of public interest." Two such cases include: *Reyes vs. Sanchez-Pena*, which discussed the boundaries of the "long arm" statute for medical malpractice jurisdiction; and *Kellogg vs. Office of the Chief Medical Examiner of the City of New York*, in which an unauthorized autopsy was performed on a former professional basketball player who had been rendered a quadriplegic in a car accident.

Prior to his tenure in the Supreme Court, Judge Victor was elected to serve as a Judge in the Civil Court of the City of New York. Earlier in his career, he served as a law assistant to Judge Adrian P. Burke at the Court of Appeals. Judge Victor has also enjoyed a distinguished legal career in private practice, as well as counsel to several different legislators. He has tried cases and argued appeals at all levels of the state and federal courts to which he is admitted. Judge Victor has specialized in civil and criminal litigation and election law proceedings, and has handled complex commercial and real estate transactions, including closings under Section 8 of the Housing and Urban Development Act; the sale and purchase of businesses, commercial real estate and residential properties; and the negotiation of long-term commercial leases on behalf of landlords and tenants.

Judge Victor served as a Lieutenant in the United States Air Force at the Air Force Missile Test Center at Patrick Air Force Base in Cocoa Beach, Florida. He was honorably discharged in 1957.

## ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION EXPERIENCE

- Catastrophic Injury/Personal Injury
- Commercial
- Election Law
- Medical Malpractice
- Real Estate

## JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

- Judicial Hearing Officer, Supreme Court of the State of New York (2010-present)
- Justice, Supreme Court of the State of New York (2000-2009)
- Judge, New York City Civil Court (1999-2000)

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Counsel, Phillips Nizer LLP (2010-present)
- Partner, Dublirer, Haydon, Straci & Victor (1974-1998)
- Counsel to Assemblyman Roberto Ramirez (1997-1998)
- Counsel to Senator Martin Connor (1995-1996)
- Counsel to Assemblyman George Friedman (1994-1995)
- Commissioner, Law Revision Commission (1984-1986)
- Panel Member, Medical Malpractice Mediation Panel, Bronx County Supreme Court (1977-1989)
- Board Member, New York City Conciliation and Appeals Board (1975-1984)
- Arbitrator, New York City Civil Court, Bronx County (1971-1980's)
- Arbitrator, American Arbitration Association (1970-1980's)
- Counsel to Assemblyman Alexander Chananau (1969-1970)
- Partner, Russo, Stein, Caiola & Victor (1964-1973)
- Assistant District Attorney, Bronx County District Attorney Isidore Dollinger (1962-1964)
- Law Assistant to Hon. Adrian P. Burke, New York Court of Appeals (1959-1961)

## PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

- Admitted to Federal 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals (1969)
- Admitted to United States Supreme Court (1968)
- Admitted to Federal Court, Southern and Eastern Districts, New York (1962)
- Admitted to the Bar, Appellate Division, First Department (1959)

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Member and former Director, Bronx Bar Association
- Former Member, Bronx County Community Planning Board #6
- Former Member, Belmont Civic Association
- Founder and former Member, Belmont-Arthur Avenue L.D.C.
- Former Appeals Agent, Selective Service Local Board 19B

## EDUCATION

- Attended 3-Day OCA-sponsored program, "Mediation Skills for Judges" (2008)
- Fordham Law School, Doctor of Law (Law Review) (1959)
- Fordham University School of Business (Accounting Major) (1954)
- Fordham Preparatory School (1950)

## HONORS and AWARDS

- Columbian Lawyers Association, Charles A. Rapallo Award (2009)
- Bronx Bar Association, Extraordinary Service Award (2008)

## PUBLICATIONS

- Contributing Author, NYSBA publication, The Plaintiff's Personal Injury Action in New York State, Chapter 12: "The Infant Settlement in Injury Action in New York and Infant's Structured Settlement: Almost All You Need To Know (and forms, too)" (2009)

## TEACHING

- Lecturer, CLE courses for the Bronx County Bar Association (2005)
- Participating Justice, OCA-sponsored “Jury Trial Project” (2003-2005)
- Judge, New York City Law Department’s Moot Court Training Program (2003)
- Lecturer and Faculty Member, OCA-sponsored New Judges Orientation Seminars; Annual Judicial Seminars; and periodic “Lunch and Learn” programs (2002-present)
- Lecturer, New York State Trial Lawyers Association seminars (2001-present)
- Presiding Justice, National Student Advocacy Competition Regional Finals, sponsored by the Association of Trial Lawyers (2001-present)

## MILITARY SERVICE

- Lieutenant, United States Air Force, Honorable Discharge (1955-1957)