



HON. JEROME C. GORSKI (Ret.)

Associate Justice, Appellate Division, 4th Department

Hon. Jerome C. Gorski has had a long and distinguished legal career. He joins NAM after having served as a Justice in the Appellate Division of the State of New York, Fourth Dept., since his appointment in August, 2001. Prior to his appointment to the Appellate Division, he served as a Trial Judge in the Eighth Judicial District for over 12 years (January, 1989-August, 2001), and the Civil Trial Terms in New York City in 1989, 1990, 1992, 1994 and from September 1996-September 1998. Before his service on the bench, Judge Gorski served as a law clerk for the USDJ John J. Sirica, and to County Court Judge and NYS Supreme Court Justice James L. Kane. When not working in the Court system, Judge Gorski was engaged in private practice which consisted of general legal practice, negligence, product liability litigation, employment rights and collective bargaining/labor relations related work.

For three consecutive years (2014, 2015, 2016), Judge Gorski was voted a Top Ten Arbitrator in New York State by the New York Law Journal Annual Reader Rankings Survey. In 2016 and 2018, Judge Gorski was named a National Law Journal *Alternative Dispute Resolution Champion*, as part of a select group chosen from a nationwide search. While on the bench, Judge Gorski was rated A-Superior by the Erie County Bar Association as a candidate for Supreme Court Justice, and was the recipient of the Outstanding Jurist Award in 1998 and the 2000 Award of Merit from the Erie County Bar Association.

According to the 2009/2010 New York Judge Reviews, his personality and temperament “are worth rave reviews”; practicing attorneys unequivocally complimented his judging skill and his level of knowledge and expertise stating “He’s the best of the best.” As for his settlement skills, “Best judge on settling, good at negotiating.” and “He can settle cases better than anyone”. In a February 1, 2012 article published in the Buffalo News, Judge Gorski is noted for his strong negotiating and settlement skills during his career on the bench.

Now retired from the bench and serving as a full time mediator/arbitrator with NAM, Judge Gorski brings to the ADR arena his broad knowledge of many legal issues, as well as his strong negotiation and settlement skills that he honed as a labor lawyer and trial judge.

AREAS OF EXPERIENCE

- Appellate Practice
- Attorney Malpractice
- Bond/Surety
- Business/Commercial/Corporate
- Communication/Media
- Construction
- Employment Rights/Labor
- Environmental Law Planning
- Medical Malpractice
- Negligence
- Partnership Law
- Personal Injury
- Property/Land Law/Leasing
- Public Law
- Product Liability
- Torts & Product Liability

- Insurance
- Trade Secrets
- Legal Ethics/Professional Liabilities
- Worker's Compensation
- Matrimonial

LECTURES and PUBLICATIONS

- Author, *The Exclusionary Rule and the Question of Standing*, 50 Georgetown Law Journal 585
- Lecturer, New York State Bar Association seminars
- Lecturer, Judicial Seminars, 1994-1999
- Lecturer, Newly Elected Judges, 1996-1999

HONORS and AWARDS

- National Law Journal, *2018 Alternative Dispute Resolution Champion*
- National Law Journal, *2016 Alternative Dispute Resolution Champion*
- New York Law Journal Reader Rankings Survey 2016, Top Ten – Best Individual Arbitrator Category
- New York Law Journal Reader Rankings Survey 2015, Top Ten – Best Individual Arbitrator Category
- New York Law Journal Reader Rankings Survey 2014, Top Ten – Best Individual Arbitrator Category
- Rated A-Superior Candidate for Supreme Court Justice, Erie County Bar Association
- Award of Merit, Erie County Bar Association, 2000
- Outstanding Jurist Award, Erie County Bar Association, 1998

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

- Associate Justice, Appellate Division, 4th Department, 2001-2011
- Justice of the Supreme Court, Eighth Judicial District, 1989-2001
- Judge of the Civil Trial Terms, NYC, Oct. 1989, Oct. 1990, Sept. 1992, Sept. 1994, Sept. 1996-Sept. 1998
- Orleans County Calendar Part 1991, 1994, 1996

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- Private Practice, 1963-1989
- Law Clerk, County Court Judge and NYS Supreme Court Judge James L. Kane, 1973-1980
- Law Clerk, Judge John J. Sirica, United States District Court, District of Columbia, 1962-1963

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES and ADMISSIONS

- Admitted to Practice in the State of New York, 1962

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS and ASSOCIATIONS

- Panel Member, Eighth Judicial District Anti-Discrimination Panel, 1996-Present
- Member, Advisory Committee on Judicial Ethics, 1995-Present
- Member, Pattern Jury Instructions (Civil) Committee, 1997-2008
- Advisory Committee Member and Chair of Speakers' Committee of Kids Voting Project, 1996-1998
- Member, Board of Advisors-Niagara University, 1990-present
- Member, New York State Bar Association
- Member, New York State Justices Association
- American Trial Lawyers Association
- Western New York Trial Lawyers Association
- Member, Erie County Bar Association
- Member, Jury Selection Uniformity Committee, 1993-94
- National Judicial College, 1993
- Member, Daemen College Scholarship Fund Committee, 1985-1988
- President, Lawyer Club of Buffalo, 1994
- Chairman, Maintenance Fund Drive, Studio Arena Theater, 1982
- Member, Board of Trustees Studio Arena Theater, 1982
- Chairman, Eight County Diocesan Catholic Charities Appeal, 1980
- Member, Board of Trustees Erie County United Way, 1979-1980
- Erie County Bar Association, Board of Directors, 1977-1980
- Member, Board of Directors Buffalo Hearing and Speech Center, 1972-1984

EDUCATION

- Georgetown University Law School, J.D., 1962
- Niagara University, *cum laude*, B.A., 1958
- Board of Editors-Georgetown University Law Review