



**HON. LARRY S. SCHACHNER**

*Justice, Supreme Court of the State of New York, Bronx County (Ret.)*

Having served on the bench for nearly 20 years, Honorable Larry S. Schachner has developed an impeccable reputation for his judicial temperament, integrity and superior settlement skills.

His judicial career began in 1999 after being appointed Housing Court Judge of the Civil Court where he presided over New York City residential landlord-tenant cases which included non-payments, holdovers and proceedings involving enforcement of the Multiple Dwelling Law and Housing Maintenance Code. Four years later, Justice Schachner was elected Judge of the Civil Court where he oversaw a myriad of civil litigation including negligence, medical malpractice, contracts, commercial landlord-tenant disputes, consumer credit transactions and small claims matters. Thereafter, he served as a trial judge in the IAS Part where he adjudicated personal injury actions and issued countless decisions on pending motions.



In 2007, Hon. Schachner was appointed Acting Justice of the Supreme Court by the Chief Administrative Judge, Jonathan Lippman, where he presided over the City Part in Bronx County

managing an inventory of over 5,000 tort cases. As Acting Justice, he also heard numerous pre-trial conferences to resolve issues and settle litigation, as well as ready cases for trial assignment. In 2014, Judge Schachner was elected Justice of the Supreme Court where he was assigned to the Special Trial Part in Bronx County. While in the Special Part, he was regularly engaged in settlement negotiations regarding all pending trial ready tort cases and commercial matters and rendered numerous decisions and orders on pending motions. For 6 years, Judge Schachner was responsible for supervising and handling cases involving the NYC Transit Authority, MTA and MABSTOA matters which included motor vehicle, labor law, construction and train accident cases and has handled insurance coverage cases involving contractors and subcontractors. Hon. Schachner has been rated "Highly Qualified" by the New York State Independent Judicial Election Qualification Commission.

Judge Schachner has also acted as a Special Master to supervise discovery and rule on discovery issues in complex litigation cases. His experience on the bench has given him a broad range of knowledge in numerous areas of the law related to Employment (including matters related to sexual harassment, discrimination, and hostile work environment claims, among others), Construction, Labor Law, Maritime Law / Jones Act, Medical Malpractice, Municipal Liability, Negligence, Premises Liability, Real Estate, Tort and Product Liability and Personal Injury.

Judge Schachner was voted a Top Ten Mediator in the 2020 New York Law Journal Best Of Survey and in 2019, for the second year in a row, he was voted a Top Ten Arbitrator in New York State by the survey respondents. He was also named a National Law Journal Alternative Dispute Resolution Champion, as part of a select group of only 46 nationwide. He is a zealous proponent of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). His ability to approach matters fairly and in an unbiased manner, combined with his even temperament, makes him extremely well suited to the role of arbitrator/mediator and an excellent choice for both plaintiff and defense counsel.

Judge Schachner is available to mediate and arbitrate cases throughout the New York Metro area.

**AREAS of EXPERIENCE**

- Civil Rights
- Employment (i.e. harassment, discrimination, retaliation, hostile work environment, etc.)
- Labor Law
- Maritime Law / Jones Act
- Medical Malpractice
- Municipal Liability
- Negligence
- Premises Liability
- Real Estate
- Torts and Product Liability

**LECTURES and PUBLICATIONS**

- Author, *Utilizing A Special Master/Referee in Complex Litigation: A Mediator's Personal Account*, New York Law Journal Alternative Dispute Resolution Special Report, 2022
- Author, *The Future of ADR, Post-Covid: Personal Musings From a Neutral*, New York Law Journal, 2020
- Author, *Virtual ADR is Here to Stay*, Law.com, 2020
- Speaker, *Webinar: Our New Reality – Virtual ADR is Here and Ready to Assist Attorneys in Resolving Disputes*, Law.com, 2020
- Author, *Critical Decisions at Mediation: Should a Client Attend? Should the Claims Rep Be Present?* New York Law Journal, 2019
- Speaker, *Arbitration and Arbitration Agreements in Civil Litigation: Skills Refresher*, presented to the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA), 2018
- Speaker/Panel Member, *Mediating the Professional Liability Case presented to DRI, The Voice of the Defense Bar*, Professional Liability Seminar, 2017
- Speaker/Panel Member, *Best Practices and Tips for Mediation - Perspectives from the Bench*, presented to Ahmuty, Demers & McManus, 2017
- Author, *The Crucial Decision: Mediate or Litigate? – A Former Judge's Perspective*, New York Law Journal Alternative Dispute Resolution Special Report, 2017
- Author, *Courthouse to the Conference Room: Transitioning From the Bench to Private Mediator*, New York Law Journal Alternative Dispute Resolution Special Report, 2017
- Speaker /Panel Member, *Renegotiating the Alphabet – STP, TAP, JCP, ACT, TSP, etc*, New York State Trial Lawyers Institute, 2008
- Speaker / Panel Member, *Municipal Liability & City Part Practice*, Bronx County Bar Association, 2008
- Speaker / Panel Member, *Missing Witness & Missing Evidence in a Civil Case*, Bronx County Bar Association, 2007
- Speaker / Panel Member, *Evidence*, New York State Trial Lawyers Institute, 2005
- Author, *Housing Court Part M, The Military and Their Dependents*, New York Law Journal, 2003
- Author, *Using Affidavits of Military Service in Housing Court Proceedings*, New York Law Journal, 2002
- Speaker, *The Guardian Ad Litem in Housing Court Proceedings*, Jack Newton Lerner Lecture Series, 2001

## HONORS and AWARDS

- New York Law Journal Best Of Survey 2020, Top Ten - Best Individual Mediator Category
- New York Law Journal Best Of Survey 2019, Top Ten - Best Individual Arbitrator Category
- New York Law Journal Reader Rankings Survey 2018, Top Ten – Best Individual Arbitrator Category
- National Law Journal, *2018 Alternative Dispute Resolution Champion*
- President's Awards, Bronx County Bar Association, 2015
- Judge of the Year, Civil Courts Committee of the Bronx County Bar Association, 2010

## JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

- Justice of the Supreme Court, State of New York, Bronx, 2014 – 2017
- Acting Justice of the Supreme Court, State of New York, Bronx, 2007 -2013
- Judge, New York Civil Court, Bronx, 2004 – 2013
- Judge, New York City Civil Court, Housing, Bronx, 1999 – 2003

## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- Principal Law Clerk to New York State Supreme Court Justice, Howard Silver, 1990 – 1999
- Staff Attorney, Housing Litigation Bureau Department of Housing Preservation and Development, 1987 -1990
- Assistant Counsel, Office of the Bronx Borough President, 1985-1987

## PROFESSIONAL LICENSES and ADMISSIONS

- Southern District of New York, 1988
- Eastern District of New York, 1988
- Admitted to the New York State Bar, 1986

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS and ASSOCIATIONS

- Association of Supreme Court Justices, 2014
- Bronx Bar Association, 1992
- New York State Bar, 1986

## EDUCATION

- New York Law School, J.D. *cum laude*, 1985
- Columbia University, B.A., 1982