



RICHARD J. FODERA, ESQ.

Hearing Officer

Richard J. Fodera is a seasoned litigator with more than 30 years of experience in civil litigation. His distinguished career includes the handling of hundreds of complex high exposure cases from inception through verdict or settlement including those related to negligence, personal injury, premises liability, labor law, auto and product liability. He has successfully represented a wide range of clients from major corporations to smaller business entities to individuals. His clients have included some of the largest corporations in the U.S. such as United Parcel Service, JC Penney Department Store, Federated Department Store and Regal (United Artists) Cinemas.

Mr. Fodera has regularly appeared on cases before the Supreme Courts of New York, Kings and Richmond Counties as well as the Civil Court of Kings County. Further, he has represented clients in the Jury Coordinator Part (JCP) in Brooklyn Supreme Court where he participated in thousands pre-trial settlement conferences involving automobile cases and premises and labor law disputes.

As a litigator, Mr. Fodera has participated in numerous mediations and arbitrations, which he views as an effective method to quickly and cost-effectively move cases to settlement. His background as a managing attorney, litigator and skillful negotiator provides him with the experience and focus required to bring parties and counsel together and move cases toward an equitable and impartial resolution. He is well known and highly respected throughout the New York legal community by both plaintiff and defense attorneys alike, and has developed a positive working relationship with both sides of the bar.

Mr. Fodera is motivated by a judicial philosophy that competency, honesty, integrity, courtesy and compassion are essential to a successful arbitration or mediation. He is available to arbitrate and mediate cases throughout the New York Metro area.

AREAS of EXPERIENCE

- Automobile
- Complex commercial
- Labor
- Negligence
- Premises Liability

LECTURES and PUBLICATIONS

- Faculty member, National Institute of Trial Advocacy (NITA), participated in trial advocacy training courses as both a judge and teacher. Lectured on opening statements, direct examination, cross-examination and summations.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- Attorney of Record / Senior Trial Attorney, Correia, King, Fodera, McGinnis & Liferiedge (Counsel for Liberty Mutual Insurance Company), 1988 – 2019
- Law Clerk, Diamond, Paino, Cardo & King
- Internship/Clerkship, NYS Attorney General's Office. Civil Division, Real Estate Financing Bureau
- Internship/Clerkship, United States Attorney's Office, EDNY, Civil Division, Litigation Bureau

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS and ADMISSIONS

- New York State Bar, Second Department, 1989
- United States District Court, Eastern District of New York, 1992
- United States Supreme Court, 1994

EDUCATION

- Brooklyn Law School, J.D., 1988
- Fordham University, B.A., 1985