



HON. ARTHUR F. ENGORON

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

The Honorable Arthur F. Engoron (Ret.) brings decades of judicial experience to his work as an arbitrator and mediator, having presided over a wide spectrum of civil matters in New York's trial courts. He was elected to the Civil Court of the City of New York in 2002 and elected to the Supreme Court of the State of New York in 2015. Throughout his judicial career, Justice Engoron has handled complex commercial disputes; significant personal injury and medical malpractice actions; important, high-profile administrative law cases; and other high-stakes civil proceedings requiring careful legal analysis, active case management, and balanced judgment.

As a Supreme Court Justice, he regularly presided over settlement conferences and was known as "a settling judge." He actively mediated and helped settle hundreds of commercial, personal injury, medical malpractice, and CPLR Article 78 cases. Justice Engoron's commercial experience includes presiding over a wide range of complex business disputes, including breach of contract, non-payment and non-conforming goods, breach of fiduciary duty, construction defects, and cooperative and condominium claims. His docket has also encompassed corporate and partnership dissolutions, shareholder agreements, real property foreclosures, insurance and reinsurance coverage disputes, lease interpretation issues, legal fee disputes, rent non-payment matters, and cases addressing ownership of real and personal property, one of which included a pet. Justice Engoron also has significant experience in employment law, having issued a judgment (affirmed on appeal) after a non-jury trial in a case brought by more than a dozen construction workers suing for prevailing wages. Other employment matters addressed negligent hiring, wage and hour law, wrongful termination, racial and gender discrimination, sexual harassment, and employee classification claims.

Justice Engoron served on the Civil Court of the City of New York from 2003 through 2012, during which he presided over a high-volume docket and developed extensive familiarity with the procedural and substantive challenges faced by litigants in contested matters. From 2013 to 2015, he was designated to serve as an Acting Justice of the Supreme Court, New York County, where he handled more complex cases involving significant factual records and legal issues. In these roles, Justice Engoron routinely addressed discovery disputes, dispositive motions, evidentiary questions, and settlement dynamics, gaining insight into how cases evolve from filing through resolution. His judicial work required balancing efficiency with fairness while remaining attentive to the practical realities confronting parties and counsel.

Justice Engoron graduated from The Wheatley School in Old Westbury (the active alumni association of which he formed and runs); Columbia College; and NYU Law School. He practiced commercial litigation in New York City for several years and went on to serve as Principal Law Clerk to a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York from 1991 to 2002. In that role, he researched law, wrote draft decisions, and developed a comprehensive understanding of judicial reasoning and decision-making.

Justice Engoron's background as a practitioner, long-serving law clerk, and even longer-serving trial court judge informs his work as a neutral. He approaches arbitration and mediation with a strong command of procedure, evidentiary standards, and case evaluation, as well as an appreciation for the strategic considerations that influence litigation and settlement. Justice Engoron chaired a New York City Bar Association Committee for three years (the maximum). He is the author of a lengthy article on pre-judgment interest published in the association's prestigious journal ("The Record," Vol. 55, No. 4); a widely distributed Manual for Judicial Interns; and a definitive, 156-page "Small Claims Manual."

Justice Engoron is available to arbitrate and mediate cases throughout New York.

AREAS of EXPERIENCE

- Appellate Practice
- Commercial
- Construction
- Dental Malpractice
- Employment Law
 - Employment Litigation
 - Harassment
- Negligent Hiring
- Prevailing Wage Litigation
- Wrongful Termination
- Matrimonial/Family Law
- Medical Malpractice
- Negligence/Torts
- Personal Injury
 - Construction
 - Premises
- Property Damage
- Real Estate Law
- Religious Institutions

LECTURES and PUBLICATIONS

- Author, Report in Support of Pre-Judgment Interest in Personal Injury Cases, issued by the Council on Judicial Administration of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, published in the Association's Record, Vol. 55, No. 4, at 498, 2000

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

- Justice, Supreme Court of the State of New York, New York County, 2016 - 2025
- Acting Justice, Supreme Court of the State of New York, New York County, 2013 - 2015
- Judge, Civil Court of the City of New York, 2003 - 2012

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- Principal Law Clerk to Justice Martin Schoenfeld, Supreme Court of the State of New York, 1991 - 2002
- Associate, Pryor Cashman LLP, 1981 - 1983
- Associate, Olwine, Connelly, Chase, O'Donnell & Weyher, 1979 - 1981

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES and ADMISSIONS

- New York State Bar, 1980
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, 1980
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, 1980
- Supreme Court of the United States, 1996

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS and ASSOCIATIONS

- President, Association of Small Claims Arbitrators of the Civil Court of the City of New York
- Member, New York City Bar Association
- Member, New York County Lawyers Association
- Member, Brehon Law Society
- Member, Jewish Lawyers Guild
- Member, New York Women's Bar Association
- Member, American Civil Liberties Union



EDUCATION

- New York University School of Law, J.D.
- Columbia University, B.A., English Literature