

HON. JUDITH N. McMAHON

Justice of the New York State Supreme Court, Richmond and New York Counties (Ret.)

The Honorable Judith N. McMahon (Ret.), former Justice of the New York State Supreme Court, served the county of Richmond in various capacities for more than 30 years. Prior to her retirement, Judge McMahon presided over the Differential Case Management Part for both Richmond and New York Counties, overseeing a caseload comprised primarily of medical malpractice cases. In addition, she presided over many nursing home matters that dealt with the public health law. She previously managed the Judicial Mediation, Jury Coordinating Part, Medical Malpractice Discovery, the Foreclosure Residential Conference Part, Foreclosure Auctions, DCM5, and Hurricane Sandy Parts in Richmond County. Her remarkable judicial career includes her service as Administrative Judge of the Supreme Court for Richmond County. For over 15 years, Judge McMahon mentored interns who participated in the Richmond County Bar Association's summer internship program.

Prior to her time on the bench, Judge McMahon held the position of Court Attorney to Judge Eric N. Vitaliano (now senior Federal District Court Judge, Eastern District), for Richmond County Civil Court, affectionately known as the "People's Court." As a result of hearing many cases involving pro se litigants, Judge McMahon developed a compassion and understanding for the concerns of the litigants who appeared before Judge Vitaliano and later, before her. Judge McMahon also served as Principal Law Clerk to the late Supreme Court Justice John Leone. Prior to that, she spent several years volunteering as an arbitrator in Civil Court. In 2003, Judge McMahon was elected to the Richmond County Civil Court. She was soon elevated to Acting Supreme Court Justice and elected to the Supreme Court in 2008.

Earlier in her career, while in private practice, Judge McMahon oversaw a multitude of complex tort litigations, including product liability disputes concerning pharmaceutical drugs, as well as medical malpractice and asbestos litigation. She also handled court appearances at all phases of proceedings and litigated innumerable medical malpractice and personal injury cases to verdict, statewide.

In addition to her distinguished legal career, including her many years on the bench, as a court attorney, and as a trial attorney in private practice, Judge McMahon previously practiced as a licensed pharmacist, working in hospitals and retail pharmacies. She was a member of the Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee and the Commission for the Preparation of the Joint Commission on Hospital Accreditation, giving lectures to physicians and nurses on the newest medications and their drug interactions.

With over 30 years of service in the court system, Judge McMahon has arbitrated and mediated thousands of matters, including adult sexual abuse claims, labor law, and personal injury cases. She has also conducted settlement days for major hospitals involving medical malpractice claims. In 2026, Judge McMahon was voted a Top Ten Arbitrator in the New York Law Journal "Best Of" survey. Judge McMahon's many years of experience, combined with her passion for assisting litigants in resolving disputes, make her an exceptional fit for her new roles as arbitrator and mediator.

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

AREAS of EXPERIENCE

- Dental Malpractice
- Medical Malpractice
- Negligence/Torts
- Nursing Homes
- Personal Injury
  - Auto
  - Construction
  - General
  - Premises
  - Product Liability
- Property Damage

LECTURES and PUBLICATIONS

- New York City Bar, Medical Malpractice Conference, Lecturer
- New York State Trial Lawyers Association, Lecturer
- New York University Continuing Legal Education, Lecturer
- Richmond County Bar Association, Lecturer
- Staten Island Trial Lawyers, Lecturer
- Numerous decisions published in the New York Law Journal and State Reporters

HONORS and AWARDS

- New York Law Journal "Best Of" survey, Top Ten-Best Individual Arbitrator Category, 2026
- Community Service Award, DaVinci Society, Wagner College, 2026
- Faith O'Neill Award, Association of Law Secretaries
- Italian American Community Leader Award
- John Kearny Woman of the Year Award
- Award for Tireless Commitment to Advancement of Justice, New York State Bar Association, Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law Section
- Honoree, Staten Island Women's Bar Association
- Person of the Year, Richmond County Bar Association

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

- Judicial Mediation Jury Coordinating Part, Medical Malpractice, Discovery, Foreclosure Part (Residential and Commercial), New York County, Supreme Court, 2017 - 2019
- Administrative Judge Supreme Court, Richmond County Civil and Criminal Terms, Supreme Court Justice of the State of New York, Richmond County Supreme Court, 2012 - 2015
- Supreme Court Justice of the State of New York, Richmond County Supreme Court, 2009 - 2011
- Acting Supreme Court Justice, Richmond County Supreme Court, 2006 - 2008
- Judge, Civil Court of the City of New York, Richmond County, 2003 - 2005

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- Differential Case Management Part, New York County, Richmond County, 2020 - 2025
- Court Attorney to Judge Eric N. Vitaliano, Richmond County Civil Court, 2002
- Court Attorney, New York State Supreme Court, Richmond County, 2001
- Principal Law Clerk to Supreme Court Justice John Leone, New York State Supreme Court, Richmond County, 1990 - 2001
- Arbitrator, Small Claims Court, Civil Court, Richmond County, 1995 - 2002
- Associate, Julien & Schlesinger, 1983 - 1990

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES and ADMISSIONS

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

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS and ASSOCIATIONS

- Member, New York State Judicial Ethics Committee, 2009 - 2019
- Member, Judicial Campaign Ethics Committee, 2010 - 2019
- President, City of New York Supreme Court Justices Association, 2016 - 2017
- Member, New York State Supreme Court Justices Association
- Member, National Association of Women Judges, Dinner Committee
- Member, Richmond County Bar Association
- Member, Women's Bar Association of the State of New York
- Member, Staten Island Women's Bar Association
- Member, Columbian Lawyers Association of Brooklyn
- Member, Gender Fairness Committee of the 2nd Judicial District, Richmond County
- Director, New York State Law Secretaries Association
- Board of Advisors, Gay/Straight Alliance of the New York State Courts

EDUCATION

- New York Law School, Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, 1985
- Rutgers College of Pharmacy, Bachelor of Science, 1977