



HON. ELLEN M. SPODEK

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

The Honorable Ellen M. Spodek (Ret.) brings over two decades of judicial experience to her mediation and arbitration practice, offering a distinguished track record of resolving disputes across a wide range of civil matters. Throughout her career on the bench, Justice Spodek conducted daily settlement conferences for nearly 20 years, uniquely positioning her to guide parties toward effective and efficient resolutions.

As an elected Justice of the New York State Supreme Court in Kings County, Justice Spodek oversaw complex civil litigation and decided discovery motions in the Central Compliance Part.

She is highly regarded for her deep subject-matter expertise in high-value torts and professional liability, having presided over the Medical Malpractice Trial Readiness Part and managed more than 1,000 medical malpractice matters. Her extensive docket also included high-stakes construction accidents, Labor Law cases, contract disputes, automobile accidents, and general negligence actions.

Justice Spodek’s broad judicial experience includes conducting both jury and non-jury trials in civil matters. Prior to her election to the Supreme Court, she served as Supervising Judge of the Civil Court of Kings County and as an Acting Family Court Judge. Before taking the bench, she gained invaluable perspective as a partner in private practice focusing on civil litigation, negligence, and employment matters, as well as serving as an Assistant Corporation Counsel representing the City of New York in personal injury and wrongful death actions.

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

AREAS of EXPERIENCE

Medical & Professional Malpractice

- Medical Malpractice
- Dental Malpractice
- Professional Liability/Malpractice (Non-Medical)
- Attorney Malpractice/Legal Ethics

Personal Injury & Complex Torts

- Personal Injury (Including Auto, Construction, Premises, and General)
- Negligence/Torts
- Property Damage

General Civil Litigation

- Construction
- Insurance

HONORS and AWARDS

- Brooklyn Bar Association Annual Recognition Award
- Volunteer Lawyers Project Terri and Nick Letica Award
- Brooklyn Women’s Bar Association Sybil Hart Kooper Award
- Catholic Lawyers Guild Ecumenical Award
- Lenore Kramer Award, New York State Trial Lawyers Association (NYSTLA)
- Joanne Minsky Cohen Award, Brooklyn Women’s Bar Association

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

- Justice, Supreme Court of the State of New York, Kings County, 2009 – 2026
- Supervising Judge, Civil Court of the City of New York, Kings County, 2007 – 2008
- Acting Judge, Family Court of the State of New York, Kings County, 2005 – 2006
- Judge, Civil Court of the City of New York, Kings County, 2002 – 2005

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- Partner, Spodek & Barrett, LLP, 1995 – 2002
- Attorney, Jackson & Consumano, 1991 – 1995
- Assistant Corporation Counsel, New York City Law Department, Torts Division, 1988 – 1991
- Research Assistant, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, 1987 – 1988

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES and ADMISSIONS

- New York State Bar
- United States Supreme Court
- 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

- American Inns of Court – Kings County
- New York City Bar Association
- Brooklyn Bar Association
- Brooklyn Women's Bar Association
- Brooklyn Brandeis Association
- Columbian Lawyers Association of Kings County
- Association of Supreme Court Justices of the State of New York
- New York City Association of Supreme Court Justices
- Advisory Committee on Judicial Ethics
- New York State Bar Association, Office of Court Administration Committee on the Civil Practice Law and Rules
- New York Women's Bar Association

EDUCATION

- Fordham University School of Law, Juris Doctor
- State University of New York at Albany, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology