



**ROBERT I. CANTOR, ESQ.**

*Commercial Specialist*

With a career as a commercial litigator spanning over 25 years, Robert Cantor, Esq. brings his knowledge and experience to the ADR arena as a mediator and arbitrator for NAM's commercial matters.

Robert Cantor began his career as a commercial litigator specializing in the representation of real estate developers and shopping center owners. Thereafter, Robert was the head of the litigation department of a New York City law firm that was recognized for their representation of real estate entities, cooperatives, condominiums and banking institutions. As the founding partner of Cantor, Epstein & Mazzola, LLP, he grew the firm into a cooperative/condominium and general commercial litigation practice. He is considered as one of the leading and most respected lawyers in the field. Robert has litigated in many areas of the commercial arena including: employment, discrimination, business, real estate, banking, construction, contracts, legal and ethical responsibilities of corporate

board members, director and officer liability, errors and omissions, breach of fiduciary duty, housing discrimination, compliance with Administrative and Regulatory codes and procedures, leasing, easements, defamation and slander, and environmental claims. He is a skilled litigator at both the trial and appellate levels, and also has wide experience in many other forums including the New York State Division of Human Rights, The New York City Commission on Human Rights, the EEOC, arbitrations and mediations.

The nature of his practice has allowed him to develop working relationships with corporate board members and management, insurance carrier representatives, corporate and personal counsel and members of the bar and judiciary. He has acquired the skills necessary to be an effective mediator/arbitrator as a result of years of practice in negotiating settlements, addressing the interests and positions of all sides involved, and litigating claims and appeals through the court system and other administrative bodies.

**AREAS of EXPERIENCE**

- Appellate Practice
- Banking and Finance
- Business/Commercial/Corporate
- Cooperatives/Condominiums/Home Owners' Associations
- Construction
- Director and Officer Liability Insurance Matters
- Employment
- Environmental
- Insurance
- Leasing
- Property/Land Law

**LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

- Robert I. Cantor PLLC, 2017 - Present
- Founding Partner, Cantor, Epstein & Mazzola, LLP, New York, NY, 1995 – 2017
- Litigation Department Head, Haas Greenstein, Cohen, Gerstein & Starr, New York, NY, 1988-1995
- Associate/Partner, Stein Simpson & Rosen, New York, NY, 1984-1988
- Associate/Partner, Criminal Defense Attorney, Legal Aid Society and Various Firms, New York, NY, 1971-1983

## PROFESSIONAL LICENSES and ADMISSIONS

- New York State Bar, 1971
- United States District Courts, Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, 1979
- United States Court of Appeals, Second Cir., 1983

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS and ASSOCIATIONS

- New York State Bar Association
- New York County Lawyers Association
- Association of the Bar of New York City (Cooperatives and Condominiums Committee Member and Real Property Section Member)

## EDUCATION

- Columbia Law School, J.D., 1970
- Brown University, B.A., *cum laude*, 1967