



PETER J. MERANI, ESQ.

Hearing Officer

Following a successful career as a litigator in private practice, Peter J. Merani, Esq. has served as a full-time mediator and arbitrator, handling thousands of cases involving both simple and complex disputes between individuals and corporations, both domestically and abroad. Mr. Merani has arbitrated and mediated cases involving numerous areas of practice, including personal injury, labor law, construction, insurance and reinsurance coverage, real estate, commercial contracts, conflicts of law and admiralty, among others.

Mr. Merani is an exceptionally well-rounded and effective mediator and arbitrator who has garnered a reputation for his keen legal acumen and negotiating abilities. As a neutral, he approaches each side fairly and objectively and is able to evaluate a case, astutely assess the issues and effectively guide parties and counsel to a fair and impartial resolution. As such, he has earned the respect and confidence of both sides of the bar.

For the ninth year in a row, Mr. Merani was voted a Top Ten Mediator in New York State in the 2018 New York Law Journal Annual Reader Rankings Survey.

Mr. Merani has lectured on no-fault, uninsured motorist and underinsured motorist law and practice before various professional associations, including the Nassau Suffolk Lawyers Association, New York State Trial Lawyers Association (NYSTLA), Defense Association of New York (DANY), Nassau County Bar Association, Bronx County Bar Association, Queens County Bar Association and the New York County Lawyers Association.

He is available to mediate and arbitrate cases throughout the New York Metro area.



AREAS of EXPERIENCE

- Business
- Commercial
- Corporate
- Construction
- Coverage Issues
- Insurance
- International
- Legal Malpractice
- Medical Malpractice
- Personal Injury
- Product Liability
- Professional Liability
- Property Damage
- Real Estate

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION EXPERIENCE

- Master Arbitrator in No-Fault cases, Arbitrator in Lemon Law, Civil Court and Expedited No-Fault Coverage Issue Arbitration Cases, Arbitrator and Mediator in Accident Claims and Commercial Cases, 1976 – 1990

LECTURES and PUBLICATIONS

- Author, *New York's 20 Day Statute of Limitations to Stay Arbitration*, 1987
- Speaker, *Procedural Questions in an Insurance Arbitration*, 1984
- Speaker, *No-Fault, Uninsured Motorist and Underinsured Motorist Law and Practice* to the Nassau Suffolk Trial Lawyers Association, New York State Trial Lawyers Association, Defense Association of New York, Nassau County Bar Association, Bronx County Bar Association, Queens County Bar Association, New York County Lawyers Association, 1978 – Present

HONORS and AWARDS

- New York Law Journal Reader Rankings Survey 2018, Top Ten - Best Individual Mediator Category
- New York Law Journal Reader Rankings Survey 2017, Top Ten - Best Individual Mediator Category
- New York Law Journal Reader Rankings Survey 2016, Top Ten - Best Individual Mediator Category
- New York Law Journal Reader Rankings Survey 2015, Top Ten - Best Individual Mediator Category
- New York Law Journal Reader Rankings Survey 2014, Top Ten - Best Individual Mediator Category
- New York Law Journal Reader Rankings Survey 2013, Top Ten - Best Individual Arbitrator Category
- New York Law Journal Reader Rankings Survey 2012, Top Ten - Best Individual Mediator Category
- New York Law Journal Reader Rankings Survey 2012, Top Five - Best International Mediator Category
- New York Law Journal Reader Rankings Survey 2011, Top Ten - Best Individual Mediator Category
- New York Law Journal Reader Rankings Survey 2010, Top Ten - Best Individual Mediator Category

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- Master Arbitrator, 1988 – Present
- Trial Attorney, Law Offices of Frank V. Merlino, 1996 – 1998
- Trial Attorney, Law Offices of James Thornton, 1994 – 1996
- Trial Attorney, Law Offices of Benjamin Purvin, 1961 – 1994

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES and ADMISSIONS

- New York State Bar, 1961

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS and ASSOCIATIONS

- American Bar Association, 1960 – Present
- Nassau County Bar Association, 1996 – Present

EDUCATION

- Brooklyn School of Law, J.D., 1967
- Brooklyn School of Law, L.L.B., 1960
- City College of New York, B.A., 1958