



HON. KARLA MOSKOWITZ (Ret.)

Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Department, New York

Honorable Karla Moskowitz's remarkable and longstanding judicial career most recently includes 10 years spent as an Associate Justice of the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, 1st Department. She was appointed to the Appellate Division in 2008 where she served until her retirement in 2017.

Within a period of more than ten years during her illustrious career, Judge Moskowitz was elected and subsequently re-elected to the Supreme Court, New York County. For 5 years, she served with distinction as a Supreme Court Justice sitting in the Commercial Division where she facilitated the settlement of numerous contract interpretation and enforcement disputes as well as corporate, partnership, construction, and international matters. Prior to that, she sat in the Medical Malpractice Part of the Supreme Court for eleven years. Judge Moskowitz's other past judicial experiences include her appointment to Acting Supreme Court Justice, where she presided over an Individual Assignment System (IAS) Part managing an inventory of over a thousand cases involving the City of New York which included challenges to city agency actions (Article 78), commercial and contract disputes. As Acting Justice, she oversaw numerous pre-trial conferences as well as conducted jury and bench trials where she successfully resolved issues and settled litigation.

Justice Moskowitz's reputation is that of being well-versed in the law with comprehensive knowledge and experience in a variety of case types including commercial, medical malpractice, appellate practice, attorney malpractice, banking and finance, construction, e-commerce, insurance, international trade disputes, matrimonial, partnership law and trade secrets. She has presided over high profile, multi-party complex cases and is known for her intelligence, determination, fair and unbiased manner when assisting parties with the settlement of their disputes. These qualities make her extremely well-suited to her role in private Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). She has the natural settlement skills and extensive legal experience required to assist parties in reaching resolutions in mediations and arbitrations and to render prompt and well-reasoned decisions. Further, she was named a National Law Journal *2018 Alternative Dispute Resolution Champion*, as part of a select group of only 46 nationwide.

According to the New York Judge Reviews, attorneys who have appeared before Judge Moskowitz have commented that she is: "astute and respectful of all parties and attorneys"; "Very smart. Very competent and knowledgeable on the law. Very open and bright. Very good legal acumen."; "Good at settling. Really gets the numbers together."; "She's extraordinarily prepared and bright, and very concerned with doing the right thing."

Judge Moskowitz is a dedicated advocate for women's rights and diversity in the workplace and has been the recipient of numerous honors and awards. Those include the Award of Special Recognition (New York Women's Bar Association), Edith Spivak Award (Women's Rights Committee of the New York County Lawyers Association), the Founder's Award (New York Women's Bar Association) and the Women of Valor Award (Women's Medical Association of New York City). She is also past president of the New York Women's Bar Association, the New York State Association of Women Judges and the National Association of Women Judges. Further, she was Co-Chair of the Summary Jury Trials Committee of the Jury Trial Project of the New York State Courts and is a Charter Member of the American College of Business Court Judges. She also is on the Executive Committee of the Commercial and Federal Litigation Section and the New York County Lawyers Association (NYCLA) Delegate to the House of Delegates of the New York State Bar Association.

In 2018, Justice Moskowitz was appointed Special Master of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, First Judicial Department for the pre-argument mediation program. She also is an active member of the Commercial and Federal Litigation Section of the New York State Bar Association where she has served as a moderator and participant on commercial panels. Hon. Moskowitz is a frequent lecturer on topics including commercial litigation, e-discovery, civility in the courtroom and women's issues.

Judge Moskowitz is available to arbitrate and mediate cases throughout the New York Metropolitan area.

AREAS of EXPERIENCE

- Appellate Practice
- Art Law
- Attorney Malpractice
- Banking & Finance
- Bankruptcy/Insolvency/Debt Recovery
- Commercial/Corporate/Business
- Construction
- E-Commerce
- Insurance
- International Trade Disputes
- Matrimonial
- Medical Malpractice
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Partnership Law
- Trade Secrets

SELECTED LECTURES and PUBLICATIONS

- Speaker, *If Not Now, When? Achieving Equality for Women Attorneys in the Courtroom and in ADR*, presented to Holland Knight LLP, Albany Law School, Rivkin Radler, LLP, Porzio, Bromberg & Newman, Rooney Nimmo and Goulston & Storrs PC, Goldberg Segalla, 2018
- Speaker/Panel Member, *Ethics of ADR with a Focus on eDiscovery*, ACC Ethics Marathon, Fordham University, 2018
- Speaker/Panel Member, *Arbitration vs. Litigation - Perspectives From The Judges*, presented to Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft, LLP, 2018
- Authored *Medical Malpractice, Chapter 87A, Commercial Litigation in New York State Courts, Fourth Edition* (Robert L. Haig – Editor-in -Chief), 2017
- Judge, *Mock Trial*, CLE in the City, Fordham University, American Bar Association, 2017
- Dispute Resolution Commercial Mediation Training Program, 2017
- Judicial Panelist at October Seminars, moderated lectures, programs, training and speaker at various programs, Judges and Lawyers Breast Cancer Alert, 1994 – 2015, 2017
- ABA Negotiation Competition: Regional Round 3, New York University School of Law, 2016
- Panelist, *Joint Appellate Division Seminar*, 2015, 2016
- Panelist, *Attorney Privilege and Work Product*, New York State-Federal Judicial Council and the Second Circuit Judicial Council, 2015
- *Settlement Techniques: What Role Should Judges Play*, Supreme Court Justices Association Annual Meeting, New York State Judicial Institute, Saratoga Springs, NY, 2015
- *Expert Witness: Everything You Wanted to Know*, Supreme Court Justices Association Annual Meeting Sponsored by the New York State Judicial Institute, Saratoga Springs, NY, 2015
- Panel Member, *Meet the Justices of the Appellate Division First Department*, Continuing Legal Education Program, Appellate Division, First Department, 2015
- Panelist on Appellate Division at Committee on the Supreme Court Meeting, New York County Lawyers' Association, 2011
- Panelist, *New York City Human Rights Law*, National Employment Lawyers Association (NELA), 2010
- Panelist, Bench Bar Forum, *Is New York's Broad Interlocutory Civil Appeal Rule Too Broad? - Examining the Pros and Cons*, New York City Bar Association, 2009
- Panelist, *What Judges Want*, Section of Litigation, American Bar Association, 2005

- Panelist, *Something New Under the Sun*, Products Liability Division of Section of Litigation, 2002
- Co Chair, *Bankruptcy and Insurance Indemnification and Bankruptcy Stays*, Judicial Seminars for New York State Judges, 2002
- Panelist and Moderator, Commercial and Federal Litigation Section, New York State Bar Association, 2002
- Co Chair, *Compromises and Settlements and 50A 50B Judgments*, Judicial Seminars for New York State Judge
- Panelist, *Trial Practice*, New York State Trial Lawyers' Institute, 2001
- Speaker, *Do or Die: The Vital Aspects of Your Case*, New York State Bar Association, 2001
- Speaker, *How to Deal With The Difficult Lawyer*, New York County Lawyers' Association, 1999
- Chair, Subcommittee on Settlements and Verdicts, Judicial Seminars for New York State Judges, 1999
- Contributing Author, *Guardianship Law: Article 81*, Practising Law Institute, 1998
- Speaker, *Current Medical Malpractice Issues*, Judicial Seminars for New York State Judges, 1998
- Speaker, *Discovery: Finding the Smoking Gun*, New York State Bar Association, 1996

HONORS and AWARDS

- Award of Special Recognition, New York Women's Bar Association's (NYWBA), 2018
- National Law Journal, *2018 Alternative Dispute Resolution Champion*
- New York Women's Bar Association, Recognition of Women Justices of the Appellate Division, 2013, 2015
- New York County Lawyers' Association, Distinguished Service Award as a Justice of the Commercial Division in New York County, 2010, Louis J. Capozzoli Gavel Award to Commercial Division Justices, 2009
- Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws, Honoria Causa, Alfred University, 2008
- Alfred University Phi Beta Kappa Award and Induction into Membership, 2006
- New York State Bar Association, Commercial & Federal Litigation Section, Stanley H. Fuld Award to the New York State's Commercial Courts Division, 2006
- Metropolitan Black Bar Association Award, Jurist of the Year Award to Judges of the Commercial Division of Kings and New York Counties, 2005
- Alfred University Abigail Allen Award for Distinctive Career Achievements, 2004
- Edith I. Spivack Award, The Women's Rights Committee of the New York County Lawyers Association, 2003
- Founder Award, The Women's Bar Association of The State of New York, 1999
- Judges and Lawyers Breast Cancer Alert, Special Gavel Award 1997
- Canada/U.S.A. Women's Health Forum, United States government representative at First Forum, 1996
- New York State Assembly Citation, Melinda Katz, Assembly Member, 1995
- Woman of Valor Award, Women's Medical Association of New York City, 1995
- Meritorious Service Award, Supreme Court Committee of New York County Lawyers' Association, 1988, 1990 and 1991
- "Portraits of Hope: Conquering Breast Cancer", 52 inspirational stories of strength. Selected to appear as a breast cancer survivor and co-founder of Judges & Lawyers Breast Cancer Alert (JALBCA), 1988

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

- Associate Justice, Appellate Division – First Department, 2008 – 2017
- Supreme Court Justice - Elected in 1991, Re-elected in 2005
 - Commercial Division of Civil Term (Individual Assignment Part 3), 2003 – 2007
 - Individual Assignment Part 26, Civil Term (Medical Malpractice, Special Proceedings and Mental Hygiene Law), 1992 – 2002

- Acting Justice, Supreme Court, 1987 – 1991
- Acting Judge, Criminal Court, 1983, 1986
- Judge, Civil Court, Elected 1981; 1982 – 1991

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- Administrative Law Judge, New York State Department of Health, 1978 - 1981
- Hearing Officer, New York City Board of Education, 1976 – 1980
- Counsel, Moskowitz and Moll, 1975 – 1980
- Assistant Counsel, New York Health and Hospitals Corporation, 1974 – 1975
- Associate Counsel, New York City Human Resources Administration, 1970 - 1974
- The Assistant to The First Assistant Attorney General, New York State Attorney General's Office, 1966 – 1970

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES and ADMISSIONS

- United States District Courts, Southern and Eastern District, 1979
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, 1979
- United States Supreme Court, 1978
- New York State, First Department, 1966

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS and ASSOCIATIONS

- Special Master, Pre-argument Mediation Program, Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of New York State, First Department, 2018
- Commercial and Federal Litigation Section – Executive Committee
- New York State Supreme Court Justices Association
- New York State Bar Association (NYSBA)
 - Committee on Courts of Appellate Jurisdiction
- Member, Board of Justices of the Supreme Court of New York County
- New York County Lawyers' Association (NYCLA) Delegate to the House of Delegates of the NYSBA.
- New York City Supreme Court Justices Association
- New York City Bar Association
- Civil Law Curriculum Committee member, 1998 – 2002
- Founding Member, American College of Business Court Judges
- The Fellows of the New York Bar Foundation
- New York American Inn of Court
- New York Women's Bar Association
- Women's Bar Association of the State of New York
- Board of Directors, Judges and Lawyers Breast Cancer Alert
- Past President, National Association of Women Judges
- Past President, New York State Association of Women Judges
- Past Executive Committee, New York County Board of Justices
- Past Co-President, Judges & Lawyers Breast Cancer Alert (JALBCA)

- Past Co-Chair, Supreme Court, New York County, Civil Branch, Anti-Bias Committee
- Former Member, American Bar Association
- Former Member, Puerto Rican Bar Association

EDUCATION

- Columbia University School of Law, J.D., 1966
- Alfred University, B.A., 1963, *cum laude*