



HON. LARRY S. SCHACHNER (Ret.)

Justice of the Supreme Court, Bronx

Having served on the bench for nearly 20 years, Honorable Larry S. Schachner has developed an impeccable reputation for his judicial temperament, integrity and superior settlement skills.

His judicial career began in 1999 after being appointed Housing Court Judge of the Civil Court where he presided over New York City residential landlord-tenant cases which included non-payments, holdovers and proceedings involving enforcement of the Multiple Dwelling Law and Housing Maintenance Code. Four years later, Justice Schachner was elected Judge of the Civil Court where he oversaw a myriad of civil litigation including negligence, medical malpractice, contracts, commercial landlord-tenant disputes, consumer credit transactions and small claims matters. Thereafter, he served as a trial judge in the IAS Part where he adjudicated personal injury actions and issued countless decisions on pending motions. In 2007, Hon. Schachner was appointed Acting Justice of

the Supreme Court by the Chief Administrative Judge, Jonathan Lippman, where he presided over the City Part in Bronx County managing an inventory of over 5,000 tort cases. As Acting Justice, he also heard numerous pre-trial conferences to resolve issues and settle litigation, as well as ready cases for trial assignment. In 2014, Judge Schachner was elected Justice of the Supreme Court where he was assigned to the Special Trial Part in Bronx County. While in the Special Part, he was regularly engaged in settlement negotiations regarding all pending trial ready tort cases and commercial matters and rendered numerous decisions and orders on pending motions. Hon. Schachner has been rated "Highly Qualified" by the New York State Independent Judicial Election Qualification Commission.

His experience on the bench has given him a broad range of knowledge in numerous areas of the law including Labor Law, Medical Malpractice, Municipal Liability, Negligence, Premises Liability, Real Estate, Tort and Product Liability and Personal Injury.

Well regarded by practicing attorneys who appeared before him over the years, Judge Schachner has been described as: "One of the smartest judges in the Bronx and in New York City", "Extremely intelligent, he knows the law, top shelf", "Just a magnificent person", "Very proactive about pushing for settlements in cases, and that is just one of his good features. It's invaluable", "You can go up and down the Bronx Bar and I would be shocked if anybody gave a less than stellar report, and that goes for both sides."

Judge Schachner is a zealous proponent of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). His ability to approach matters fairly and in an unbiased manner, combined with his even temperament, makes him extremely well suited to the role of arbitrator/mediator and an excellent choice for both plaintiff and defense counsel.

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

AREAS of EXPERTISE:

- Civil Rights
- Labor Law
- Medical Malpractice
- Municipal Liability
- Negligence
- Personal Injury
- Premises Liability
- Real Estate
- Torts and Product Liability

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

- Justice of the Supreme Court, State of New York, Bronx, 2014 – 2017
- Acting Justice of the Supreme Court, State of New York, Bronx, 2007 -2013
- Judge, New York Civil Court, Bronx, 2004 – 2013
- Judge, New York City Civil Court, Housing, Bronx, 1999 – 2003

LEGAL PRACTICE

- Principal Law Clerk to New York State Supreme Court Justice, Howard Silver, 1990 – 1999
- Staff Attorney, Housing Litigation Bureau Department of Housing Preservation and Development, 1987 -1990
- Assistant Counsel, Office of the Bronx Borough President, 1985-1987

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS and ASSOCIATIONS

- Association of Supreme Court Justices, 2014
- Bronx Bar Association, 1992
- New York State Bar, 1986

LECTURES and WRITINGS

- Speaker/Panel Member, “Mediating the Professional Liability Case” presented to DRI, The Voice of the Defense Bar, Professional Liability Seminar, 2017
- Speaker/Panel Member, “Best Practices and Tips for Mediation - Perspectives from the Bench”, presented to Ahmuty, Demers & McManus, 2017
- Author, The Crucial Decision: Mediate or Litigate? – A Former Judge’s Perspective, *New York Law Journal Alternative Dispute Resolution Special Report*, 2017
- Author, Courthouse to the Conference Room: Transitioning From the Bench to Private Mediator, *New York Law Journal Alternative Dispute Resolution Special Report*, 2017
- Speaker /Panel Member, “Renegotiating the Alphabet – STP, TAP, JCP, ACT, TSP, etc”, New York State Trial Lawyers Institute, 2008
- Speaker / Panel Member, “Municipal Liability & City Part Practice”, Bronx County Bar Association, 2008

- Speaker / Panel Member, “Missing Witness & Missing Evidence in a Civil Case”, Bronx County Bar Association, 2007
- Speaker / Panel Member, “Evidence”, New York State Trial Lawyers Institute, 2005
- Author, Housing Court Part M, The Military and Their Dependents, *New York Law Journal*, 2003
- Author, Using Affidavits of Military Service in Housing Court Proceedings, *New York Law Journal*, 2002
- Speaker, “The Guardian Ad Litem in Housing Court Proceedings”, Jack Newton Lerner Lecture Series, 2001

EDUCATION

- New York Law School, J.D. Cum Laude, 1985
- Columbia University, B.A., 1982

HONORS and AWARDS

- President’s Awards, Bronx Count Bar Association, 2015
- Judge of the Year, Civil Courts Committee of the Bronx Count Bar Association, 2010