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### Education:

1982 - JD - Suffolk University Law School  
Boston, MA  
1978 - MA - Boston University (Sociology/Criminology)  
Boston, MA  
1974 - BA - Wayne State University (Sociology)  
Detroit, MI

### Employment:

1982 - Present - I was admitted to practice law in Massachusetts in 1982 (USDC 1983) and have had an active private practice since that time. I am a principal and shareholder of my law firm, which was formed in January, 1995. I concentrate in civil and Admiralty trial advocacy, transactional work and Alternative Dispute Resolution. My practice includes personal injury and death claims, insurance and coverage disputes, transactional business and business counseling and litigation. I represent plaintiffs, defendants and insurers (U.S. & U.K.) I have been a member of bar association and private Alternative Dispute Resolution neutral panels. I have represented parties in 600+ tort and contract claims and have tried to completion 25+ bench and jury cases.

### Pro Bono:

January, 2013 through December 2017 – Reappointed Hearing Committee Member by the Massachusetts Board of Bar Overseers to conduct evidentiary hearings on formal charges of attorney misconduct and make recommendations to the Board and Bar Counsel from dismissal to disbarment of attorneys licensed to practice in Massachusetts.

### Alternative Dispute Resolution:

I have represented a party or been the neutral in 200+ Alternative Dispute Resolution sessions. Since 1988, Arbitrator on the American Arbitration Association Commercial Claims Panel, Boston, Massachusetts hearing maritime and Admiralty claims, and tort, business, consumer, insurance cases, including the 2013 chairing of a three member arbitration panel that determined a \$100M maritime transportation commercial claim.

Arbitrator for the Massachusetts Bar Association Fee Arbitration Board hearing legal fee disputes between clients and their Massachusetts attorneys and between attorneys.

Specially appointed, Arbitrator on the International Panel American Arbitration Association (now International Centre for Dispute Resolution or ICDR), New York, New York for claimed breaches of yacht purchase and sale agreement.

APCOM Reviewer (ADR appeals reviewer) in the consolidated class action, In Re: The Prudential Insurance Company of America Sales Practices Litigation, Policyholder Remediation Plan, United States District Court, District of New Jersey.

Mediator for the Boston Bar Association/Boston Municipal Court program providing Alternative Dispute Resolution services for a variety of civil actions, including tort, contract and business disputes.

Special expertise in Admiralty and maritime alternative dispute resolution having mediated and arbitrated these claims in Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

**Teaching:**

November, 2019 – Panel member: Best Practices in Consumer Arbitration, National Consumer Law Center Annual Consumer Rights Litigation Conference, Boston, MA.

Fall, 2009 – Spring, 2018 – Adjunct Professor, Lasell College, Newton, MA, Departments of Justice Studies and Management/Marketing, teaching, Tort & Personal Injury Law, Business Law and Comparative Law & Legal Systems.

Spring, 2011 – Visiting Professor of Law, Odessa National Academy of Law, Republic of Ukraine, teaching common law Tort and Personal Injury Law under the auspices of the Centre for International Legal Studies, Salzburg, Austria.

Fall, 2008 – Visiting Professor of Law, Petrozavodsk State University, Russian Federation, teaching western style/common law Alternative Dispute Resolution and Survey of American Law under the auspices of the Centre for International Legal Studies, Salzburg, Austria.

1991, 1992 – Conducted Alternative Dispute Resolution training on behalf of the American Arbitration Association, including training of insurance claims managers, in the use of Alternative Dispute Resolution.

**Training:**

2019 – American Arbitration Association, Case Finances, Boston, MA.

2018 – American Arbitration Association, Arbitrator Performance and Demeanor, Boston, MA.

2017 – American Arbitration Association, ACE Red Flags and risk Areas: Challenges to Arbitrator Authority, Boston, MA.

2016 – American Arbitration Association, Critical Issues in Arbitration, New York, NY.

2015 – American Arbitration Association, Arbitrator's Authority: Conducting Research and Investigations, Boston, MA.

2014 – American Arbitration Association Advanced Mediation Training, New York, NY.

2012 – American Arbitration Association ACE Managing the Arbitration

Process Following the Preliminary Hearing, Boston, MA.

2011 – American Arbitration Association ACE Maximizing Efficiency and Economy in Arbitration: Challenges at the Preliminary Hearing, Boston, MA.

2010 – American Arbitration Association ACE Arbitrator Ethics and Disclosure, E. Providence, RI.

2007 – Center for International Legal Studies, Salzburg, Austria. Topics: Eastern European Legal Systems; Teaching Eastern European Law Students; and, the Law of the European Union.

2006 – ICDR International Commercial Arbitration & Mediation Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

2005 – American Arbitration Association ACE Chairing an Arbitration Panel, Boston, MA.

2004 – American Arbitration Association ACE Managing Cases Involving Self-Represented Parties, Boston, MA.

2003 – American Arbitration Association Commercial Arbitrator II, New York, New York.

2002 – American Arbitration Association Commercial Arbitrator I, New York, New York.

1997 - Certificate of Completion of Mediation Training (30 hour MA State requirement) Cambridge Dispute Settlement Center, Inc., Cambridge, MA.

**Memberships:**

Massachusetts Bar Association (MBA Fee Arbitration Board)  
Maritime Law Association of the United States  
American Arbitration Association  
Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts of Massachusetts

**Refereed**

**Publications:**

“Secured Transactions and Admiralty Law”, *Uniform Commercial Code Law Journal*, (with Bertram E. Snyder) Vol. 3, No. 4 (1981) p. 317.

“Grouping Effect in Rating Scales: The Case of Faculty Attitudes”, *Journal of Education & Psychology* (with Yoram Neumann) Vol. 38, No.2 (1980) p.76.

“Stereotypes and Dispositions for Criminal Homicide”, *Criminology*, Vol. 17, No. 2 (1979) p.139.

“Paradigm Development and Leadership Style of University Department Chairpersons”, *Research in Higher Education*, (with Yoram Neumann) Vol. 9, No. 4 (1978) p. 291.

**Awards:**

Martindale-Hubbell AV® - Preeminent rated (highest rating for legal ability/ethics.)

*Boston Magazine* Massachusetts “Super Lawyer” Annually 2006 -- 2020.