



THE HON. JUDITH C. CUTLER (RET.)

Mediator, Arbitrator, Case Evaluator



The Honorable Judith C. Cutler (ret.) served on the Massachusetts Land Court bench for ten years, first as Associate Justice, and, more recently, as Chief Justice. Her extensive experience in land use and property matters, as well as municipal law, ideally position her to offer case evaluation and mediation services in a broad range of legal disputes, including public sector disputes involving cities and towns.

During her time on the Court, Judge Cutler presided over a broad spectrum of subdivision and zoning appeals, adverse possession claims, easement and boundary disputes, land registration cases, partition cases, condominium disputes, and tax title matters.

Judge Cutler brought to the bench an extensive background in real estate and development. She holds both a J.D. from Suffolk University Law School and a Masters in Community Planning from the University of Rhode Island. She headed the Planning Department in Concord, Massachusetts for more than ten years before starting her legal career at Kopelman and Paige, PC. There, she practiced municipal law for nineteen years, first as an associate and then as a principal, representing municipalities before the trial and appellate courts, and advising cities and towns on municipal authority, obligations, and procedures relative to such matters as public and private ways; licensing; zoning; comprehensive permits; subdivision control; acquisition, disposition, and control of public land; tax title; earth removal; and sign regulation. After retiring from the bench, Judge Cutler returned to KP Law, the successor to Kopelman and Paige, taking on an “of counsel” role for four additional years.

Judge Cutler’s professional memberships include the Massachusetts Bar Association, the Real Estate Bar Association, and the Abstract Club. She is also a member of the American Law Institute, where she has been serving as an Advisor on the 4th Restatement of Property Law project since 2016.