



## THE HON. MARK D. MASON (RET.)

*Mediator, Arbitrator, Case Evaluator*



Before joining REBA Dispute Resolution, the Hon. Mark D. Mason (ret.) was a judge for fifteen years, and has mediated cases for more than thirty-five years.

From 2015 until his retirement in 2024, Judge Mason was Associate Justice of the Superior Court, and from January 2009 to January 2015, he was Associate Justice of the Springfield District Court.

With decades of experience, both on and off the bench, Judge Mason brings patience and perseverance, enhanced with humor, to the mediation process. He approaches mediations with an understanding of the parties' interests in the context of the evidence and the law.

Prior to joining the bench, Judge Mason was a principal at the Springfield law firm of Cooley Shrair, where he specialized in business litigation, commercial litigation, construction litigation, domestic relations, probate litigation and mediation. Judge Mason chaired the Trial Court's Standing Committee on Dispute Resolution for six years and served as chair of the Trial Court's Public Outreach Committee since 2021. He chaired the Superior Court's Civil Committee for three years and served on the Superior Court's Dispute Resolution Committee, as well as the Superior Court's Working Group on Litigation Options. Judge Mason served on the SJC's Committee on the Code of Judicial Conduct and the SJC's Committee on Litigation Options. He was the 2006-2007 president of the MBA and is a past vice president of the Massachusetts Judges Conference.

Having served on numerous community boards, Judge Mason is the recipient of several awards, including the Lawyers Weekly's Outstanding Lawyer of the Year Award, the MBA's Community Service Award, and GLAD's Spirit of Justice Award. Judge Mason is a frequent lecturer, covering a wide array of subjects across the Commonwealth, including negotiation and conciliation. From 2009 to 2013, he was an adjunct faculty member of Western New England University School of Law, where he taught negotiation, mediation, civil practice and criminal practice.

Judge Mason is a graduate of Boston University School of Law and Columbia University.