



## **HON. HOWARD P. SPEICHER (RET.)**

***Mediator | Arbitrator | Case Evaluator***



Howard Speicher brings to REBA Dispute Resolution a wealth of experience in all aspects of business and real estate law. Over his forty-five-year career as a lawyer and judge, he has handled cases involving nearly every type of land use and real estate issue, including zoning and subdivision appeals and other permitting cases, purchase disputes, boundary and easement disputes, other disputes involving defective titles, condominium disputes, and partition disputes.

In early 2025, Judge Speicher retired from the Land Court, after serving as an associate justice for 10 years. While on the bench, he issued decisions in all areas of real estate law, including matters of first impression involving validity of municipal bylaws, denial of special permits, the zoning exemption for solar energy facilities, municipal permitting of cannabis sales, the constitutionality of real estate tax foreclosures, and acceptance and discontinuance of public ways.

A strong advocate of mediation in Land Court cases, Judge Speicher has served on the Trial Court's Standing Committee on Dispute Resolution. He has been an annual guest lecturer before the land use classes at Boston College Law School, Boston University Law School and Northeastern University Law School. He has also appeared as a guest speaker at a forum on affordable housing issues at Suffolk University Law School.

Prior to joining the bench, Judge Speicher was a shareholder at Davis, Malm & D'Agostine, PC, where he had a litigation, permitting and transactional practice for thirty years, appearing before planning boards, zoning boards and conservation commissions, and litigating business and land use cases in the Superior, Land and Housing Courts. He also handled appeals before the Appeals Court and SJC. Judge Speicher began his legal career as an assistant corporation counsel for the City of Boston, where he represented the Boston Board of Appeal and the Inspectional Services Department, in addition to handling a litigation caseload.

Judge Speicher received his J.D. from Boston University Law School, and a B.A. from the State University of New York at Binghamton.