

JAMS FEDERAL JUDGES

These former and retired federal judges are exclusively associated with JAMS for the professional practice of Alternative Dispute Resolution. They are all experts or experienced in federal law issues, such as securities, intellectual property and employment, and in some cases have expertise or experience in such fields as bankruptcy, admiralty and environmental law.



HON. WAYNE R. ANDERSEN (RET.) *Illinois*

Judge Andersen served as a U.S. District Judge for 19 years and as a state court trial judge for seven years. He is an active and effective settlement judge who has brokered numerous settlements in a wide range of complex cases. Counsel praise his superb people skills, exceptional legal knowledge and well-written, legally sound and timely rulings.



HON. LOURDES G. BAIRD (RET.) *California*

Judge Baird served with distinction in the U.S. District Court, Central District of California, and the Los Angeles Superior and Municipal Courts. She brings almost three decades of legal experience to her ADR practice. She possesses proven expertise in a variety of areas, including intellectual property, business/commercial, employment, securities, insurance coverage, bad faith, class actions, environmental law and civil rights matters. Judge Baird is fluent in Spanish and skilled in the fair resolution of the most difficult cases.



HON. STANLEY F. BIRCH, JR. (RET.) *Georgia*

Judge Birch served as a U.S. Circuit Judge on the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals for more than 20 years, authoring more than 3,000 opinions and participating in more than 11,000 decisions. Judge Birch was instrumental in establishing the mediation office at the Eleventh Circuit and has been involved in the resolution of hundreds of civil disputes. He is a registered neutral with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution.



HON. EDWARD A. BOBRICK (RET.) *Illinois*

A retired Magistrate Judge from the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Judge Bobrick brings to his ADR practice more than 14 years of judicial experience, during which time he maintained an active trial calendar and presided over and settled in excess of 1,200 cases. He has handled factual and legal issues that have touched upon virtually every aspect of federal law and has dealt with a wide array of issues associated with complex business litigation, including business/commercial, civil rights, employment, environmental, insurance, intellectual property, personal injury and securities matters.



HON. WAYNE D. BRAZIL (RET.) *California*

Judge Brazil has an international reputation as one of the most significant innovators and leaders in ADR. He is an expert in crafting procedures to meet the needs of individual cases and in finding new directions when movement toward settlement seems to stall. Judge Brazil spent 25 years as a Magistrate Judge in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California. In addition to his extensive work as a settlement judge and on complex discovery matters, Judge Brazil hosted more than 2,000 settlement conferences and served as the Court's first ADR Magistrate Judge, a position he occupied for more than 15 years.



HON. WILLIAM H. BRISTER (FORMER) *Texas*

A former U.S. Magistrate Judge and U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge for the Northern District of Texas, Judge Brister is a leader in the use of ADR in bankruptcy cases. Judge Brister authored more than 100 published opinions, which helped develop and establish a new body of law under the Bankruptcy Code. His other specialty areas include business/commercial, banking, personal injury, construction, real estate, environmental and employment.



HON. GARRETT E. BROWN, JR. (RET.) *New Jersey*

Judge Brown served 26 years as United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, the last six as Chief Judge, where he led the court-wide effort to provide prompt, efficient justice to civil litigants, and to implement new local patent rules. During this period, he was designated by the Judicial Panel on Multi-District Litigation to manage countless MDL cases, which resulted in numerous settlements. Prior to appointment to the federal judiciary, he served as Chief Counsel and Acting Administrator of the U.S. Maritime Administration and as General Counsel of the U.S. Government Printing Office.



HON. DAVID H. COAR (RET.) *Illinois*

Praised by the bar for his excellent legal ability, integrity and independence, Judge Coar served as U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois for 16 years. He tried and settled hundreds of cases involving the full array of matters subject to federal jurisdiction, including class action MDL and mass torts. He served as a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for eight years, overseeing large corporate reorganizations and bankruptcy cases. He also served as the first U.S. Bankruptcy Trustee in the Northern District of Illinois from 1979 to 1982.



HON. WILLIAM F. DOWNES (RET.) *Wyoming*

Judge Downes served for 17 years as a federal judge in the U.S. District Court of Wyoming, including 12 years as Chief Judge. He has extensive experience presiding over both bench and jury trials in areas such as product liability, energy, civil rights, catastrophic personal injury and professional liability. Judge Downes has handled numerous high-profile cases in multiple states. Praised by counsel for being extremely prepared and having a quick grasp of complex issues, Judge Downes has an innate ability to understand the reputations, emotions and ongoing dynamics while still moving the case to resolution.



HON. ROBERT FAULKNER (RET.) *Texas*

A retired Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, Judge Faulkner brings more than 35 years of distinguished service from the federal judiciary and private law practice. On the bench, he conducted more than 500 trials, settlement conferences and hearings on a wide range of issues, including business and commercial litigation, ADA matters, healthcare, intellectual property, employment, personal injury and product liability. Since joining JAMS in 2003, he has resolved hundreds of complex, high-dollar disputes by using his ability to create an environment that helps parties make reasonable decisions about their cases.



HON. STEPHEN E. HABERFELD (RET.) *California*

A former U.S. Magistrate Judge for the U.S. District Court, Central District of California, and former Assistant Watergate Special Prosecutor, Judge Haberfeld has successfully managed and resolved a wide spectrum of challenging matters, including financial, business/commercial, intellectual property, entertainment, employment, securities, insurance and antitrust cases. A respected arbitrator, mediator and special master of complex and contentious disputes since 1992, he has served on prestigious “blue ribbon” panels for large, complex commercial and securities disputes and as a Settlement Judge of the Nevada Supreme Court.



HON. DAVID WARNER HAGEN (RET.) *Nevada*

Judge Hagen served as a U.S. District Court Judge in the District of Nevada for 12 years. He has more than four decades of legal experience handling a broad range of complex disputes, including business commercial, bankruptcy, real property, intellectual property and employment matters. He is known to be extremely knowledgeable with a courteous demeanor and can bring the most contentious parties together to reach a settlement.



HON. JOHN J. HUGHES (RET.) *New Jersey*

Judge Hughes, a former U.S. Magistrate Judge who joined JAMS in 2009, is a pioneer in the rapidly evolving field of electronic discovery. He participated in the formulation of one of the first local U.S. District Court rules for e-discovery and in a joint U.S. Courts Administrative Office/Department of Justice group that reported on electronic technology in the criminal justice system and recommended various innovations. Judge Hughes is highly regarded by counsel for skillfully settling complicated cases and for his ability to keep parties focused on the issues in order to reach an amicable resolution.



HON. EDWARD A. INFANTE (RET.) *California*

Known for his ability to mediate complex cases involving a wide range of issues, Judge Infante has particular expertise in complex business litigation, class actions, employment, intellectual property and antitrust cases. He joined JAMS after 28 years on the bench, including a decade as Chief Magistrate Judge for the U.S. District Court, Northern District of California, and service as a U.S. Magistrate Judge, Southern District of California, and as a U.S. Trustee for the Department of Justice. Judge Infante served on the faculty of the Federal Judicial Center, where he trained other federal judicial officers in mediation techniques.



HON. JAMES LARSON (RET.) *California*

Judge Larson has a reputation for being intelligent, efficient and fair, with an instinctive ability to quickly get to the heart of a case. A Federal District Court Magistrate Judge for 14 years and Chief Magistrate Judge of the Northern District of California from 2005 to 2010, he oversaw more than 1,500 mediations and settlement conferences involving intellectual property, complex business/contract disputes, civil rights, employment, wage and hour class actions, ERISA, personal injury/tort actions, maritime and environmental cases.



HON. LAWRENCE R. LEAVITT (RET.) *Nevada*

Judge Leavitt joined JAMS following 24 years on the federal bench. He has vast experience in resolving complex legal disputes, having mediated more than 1,500 cases after being appointed a U.S. Magistrate Judge for the District of Nevada in 1987. Prior to joining the federal judiciary, Judge Leavitt worked for the Clark County District Attorney's Office and the U.S. Department of Justice.



HON. CHARLES A. LEGGE (RET.) *California*

Judge Legge has a reputation for fairness and a proven ability to adjudicate and settle disputes involving a wide range of civil and governmental litigation issues. His dispute resolution experience comes from 17 years as a U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of California and 10 years at JAMS, where he has conducted hundreds of mediations and arbitrations in all types of civil litigation, including business/commercial, intellectual property, government, insurance, employment and finance matters. Judge Legge has particular expertise in complex business litigation and intellectual property cases.



HON. JOHN C. LIFLAND (RET.) *New York*

Highly regarded for his exceptional ability to handle complex litigation, Judge Lifland is known to be a consummate professional who is well-prepared, knowledgeable and courteous. Prior to his 19 years of service at the U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey, he was in private practice for 27 years, concentrating on antitrust, employment, construction, banking, intellectual property and securities matters. He is a founding member and active participant of the John C. Lifland American Inn of Court, an association dedicated to fostering and developing the practice of intellectual property law and federal litigation.



HON. EUGENE F. LYNCH (RET.) *California*

Prior to joining JAMS, Judge Lynch served as a state and federal judge for more than 26 years. He was appointed to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California in 1982 and sat as Designated Settlement Judge. He also served on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. He has handled mediations and arbitrations in a wide range of cases, including intellectual property, business/commercial and contract disputes, professional liability, product liability and land use.



HON. JAMES R. MELINSON (RET.) *Pennsylvania*

A retired Chief Magistrate Judge from the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Judge Melinson has served as counsel, negotiator, mediator, arbitrator and judicial officer in a wide variety of cases. His broad background includes 16 years of distinguished judicial service on the federal and state courts and nearly 20 years of private law practice. Judge Melinson has extensive experience resolving a wide variety of complex matters, including admiralty, business/commercial, employment, insurance, intellectual property, professional malpractice, real estate, tax and securities disputes.



HON. ABNER J. MIKVA (RET.) *Illinois/Washington, DC*

Judge Mikva served as White House Counsel from October 1994 to November 1995. He was appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in 1979 and became Chief Judge in 1991. As an attorney, his practice included extensive litigation and appellate work, as well as matters before various administrative agencies. He presented several constitutional cases to the U.S. Supreme Court. Judge Mikva facilitated settlement of the largest Title VII employment dispute. He is a recipient of the ABA's Thurgood Marshall Award as well as a lifetime achievement award from the Decalogue Society of Lawyers.



HON. ROBERT P. MURRIAN (RET.) *Georgia*

Judge Murrian served for 24 years as a U.S. Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, where he was instrumental in establishing the first federal court-annexed mediation program. He has a degree and experience in naval engineering and expertise in patent, trade secret and other intellectual property matters. He has also mediated and arbitrated class actions, business/commercial, healthcare, environmental, employment, construction, contract, personal injury, estate and municipal disputes. Judge Murrian is known for his ability to enhance communication while masterfully handling complex information.



HON. RANDALL J. NEWSOME (RET.) *California*

Known for his unique ability to bring about appropriate resolution based on the nature of the parties' continuing relationship, Judge Newsome has successfully mediated hundreds of cases involving complex bankruptcy and commercial issues during nearly three decades on the bench and as a full-time neutral. Before joining JAMS, he was Chief Judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of California. He previously served as a visiting judge in the Central District of California, the Western District of Washington, the District of Nevada and the District of Arizona and as a visiting judge in the District of Delaware.



HON. KATHLEEN A. ROBERTS (RET.) *New York*

Judge Roberts has been a mediator and arbitrator since 1995 in disputes involving commercial, employment, product liability, insurance, civil rights, securities, environmental and intellectual property cases. She also serves as a discovery master. She was a U.S. Magistrate Judge for the Southern District of New York from 1985 to 1995.



HON. JAMES ROBERTSON (RET.) *Washington, D.C.*

As a United States District Court Judge for more than 15 years, Judge Robertson presided over a broad range of complex federal civil matters and landmark cases. He handled more than 1,000 civil disputes, authored more than 600 opinions and efficiently mediated and facilitated the resolution of countless cases. Judge Robertson has a well-deserved reputation for fairness, integrity, decisiveness and compassion. A progressive thinker and innovator, he chaired the Judicial Conference Committee on Information Technology during the introduction of electronic filing in the federal judiciary.



HON. JAMES M. ROSENBAUM (RET.) *Minnesota*

Judge Rosenbaum served 25 years on the federal bench as a U.S. District Court Judge for the District of Minnesota and, for the four years prior, as Minnesota's United States Attorney. While on the bench, he presided over the construction of the Minneapolis federal courthouse, the most technologically advanced courthouse in its time. He served as Chief Judge of the District, represented the Eighth Circuit at the Judicial Conference for eight years and served on the Conference's Executive Committee.



HON. STANLEY J. ROSZKOWSKI (RET.) *Illinois*

A federal judge for the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois for 20 years, Judge Roszkowski has heard a wide variety of civil cases. Upon assuming senior status in 1992, he mediated the vast majority of the civil cases that came before him and actively participated in pre-trial conferences to settle cases before trial.



HON. GEORGE P. SCHIAVELLI (RET.) *California*

Judge Schiavelli has had a diverse 37-year legal and judicial career, most recently serving on the federal judiciary at the U.S. District Court, Central District of California. Judge Schiavelli has gained a unique perspective after sitting at all positions around the table. After serving on the trial court, he returned to private practice for four years before being appointed to the federal bench. Counsel welcome his pleasant demeanor and appreciate his intelligence and fair-mindedness.



HON. J. EDGAR SEXTON, Q.C. *Ontario, Canada*

As a judge in the Federal Court of Appeal in Canada for 13 years, Justice Sexton participated in more than 1,000 appeals in all types of federal cases on a wide variety of subjects, including intellectual property (many disputes involving the pharmaceutical industry), complex business and contract disputes, civil rights matters, class actions, maritime, environmental, construction, tax, labour, international trade, administrative law, statutory interpretation, telecommunications and broadcasting, and aboriginal claims.



HON. FREDERIC N. SMALKIN (RET.) *Maryland*

As a United States Magistrate for the District of Maryland, Judge Smalkin pioneered the role of Federal Magistrates in civil litigation, especially as settlement mediators. He successfully settled hundreds of cases and taught mediation skills to others. After 10 years of service as a U.S. Magistrate, Judge Smalkin was appointed a United States District Judge for the District of Maryland in 1986 and became Chief Judge on October 19, 2001, serving as such until January 6, 2003, and becoming a Senior Judge on January 8, 2003. He retired from judicial office in 2011.



HON. FERN M. SMITH (RET.) *California*

Nationally recognized for her intellect, fairness and integrity, Judge Smith served as a federal district court judge in the Northern District of California for 17 years and as the Director of the Federal Judicial Center in Washington, D.C. for four years. Her dispute resolution expertise also includes five years of experience as a full-time neutral, two years as a superior court judge and 11 years as a prominent litigator. Judge Smith specializes in resolving complex tort, antitrust, business/commercial, pharmaceutical, international, insurance, intellectual property and securities matters.



HON. CHARLES B. SWARTWOOD III (RET.) *Massachusetts*

A former Chief Magistrate Judge of the U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts, Judge Swartwood has more than 40 years of trial experience. He was a trial lawyer for 29 years, handling complex business cases. As a federal trial judge for 12 years, he presided over cases in virtually all areas of the law and actively participated in settling cases through the Federal District Court's ADR program. While acting as a Federal Magistrate Judge, he was referred hundreds of cases for resolution of discovery disputes. He successfully mediated more than 100 cases as a member of the Court's judicial panel for dispute resolution.



HON. JANICE M. SYMCHYCH (FORMER) *Minnesota*

Ms. Symchych is a veteran ADR professional and federal courts practitioner with over three decades of legal and judicial experience. A former Magistrate Judge from 1985 to 1989, she most recently served as Deputy General Counsel - Litigation at Medtronic, Inc., where she was responsible for company litigation worldwide, including intellectual property, multidistrict and class action, product liability, government enforcement actions and investigations, regulatory litigation, commercial and employment litigation and advised on litigation risks.



HON. GARY L. TAYLOR (RET.) *California*

Judge Taylor served with distinction for nearly 20 years on both the state and federal judiciaries, where he presided over many high-profile cases, including a variety of lawsuits with billions of dollars in controversy. He enjoys a reputation as an exceptional jurist known for his integrity, patience, intellect and ability to grasp complex issues. Counsel have described Judge Taylor as a judge who is always fair and extremely ethical and issues rulings that have a sound basis in law.



HON. DICKRAN M. TEVRIZIAN (RET.) *California*

Judge Tevrizian is best known for his ability to bring disparate groups together in even the most difficult situations when parties are unyielding. He takes an active role in case management and in settling cases. Recipient of numerous awards and recognized as a "shining star, great judge, kind human being and 13 or 14 on a scale of 10," Judge Tevrizian is widely respected for doing the right thing according to existing law. He served 31 years of his 41-year legal career on both the federal and the state trial courts, with his most recent 21 years on the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California.



HON. DIANE M. WELSH (RET.) *Pennsylvania*

A retired Magistrate Judge from the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Judge Welsh conducted nearly 1,800 settlement conferences during her 12 years of distinguished judicial service. She also served on the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee for the U.S. District Court for 10 years. Judge Welsh has successfully mediated virtually every type of civil case, including complex business/commercial, employment, intellectual property, construction, securities, civil rights, consumer and catastrophic personal injury cases.