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AWARDS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Professor James B. Boskey New Jersey State Bar Association Dispute Resolution Section ADR Practitioner of the Year - 2006
- New Jersey State Bar Association Dispute Resolution Section "Legend of ADR" Award 2007
- State of New Jersey Judicial College lecturer, 2006
- Committee of Arbitration Administrators/Civil CDR Point Persons lecturer, 2006
- Panelist, ADR Day, NJAPM, Inn, NJSBA and ABA dispute resolution programs
- A NJBIZ Magazine Top Mediator - Business/Commercial-2008
- Best Individual Mediator - Silver -NJ Law Journal 2012 Readers' Survey
- Superb Avvo rating (10)
- 2013 New Jersey ADR Practitioner of the Year - Acquisition International Legal Award
- 2014 New Jersey Mediator of the Year - Acquisition International Dispute Resolution Award

BAR ADMISSIONS

- State of New Jersey - 1979; State of New York, Third Department - 1989
- Federal District of New Jersey - 1979
- Third Circuit Court of Appeals - 1991
- Supreme Court of the United States - 1986

WORK EXPERIENCE

Barbara Weisman, Esq., Verona, New Jersey

- *1994 through present* - exclusive neutral practice in civil alternative dispute resolution including but not limited to construction; contract; employment (discrimination, harassment, hostile work environment, family leave acts, contracts, civil rights, wrongful discharge, wage and hour, defamation, whistleblower); legal, nursing, nursing home and medical malpractice; real property; business dissolutions; liability and negligence; commercial; banking; securities; bankruptcy; debt and consumer debt; personal injury; false arrest/imprisonment; civil rights; fraud; Consumer Fraud Act; agricultural; wills; defamation; environmental; insurance (lead, fire, water, mold and other matters); Tort Claims. Inclusive of large and complex claims. Pre-suit and post-filing.
- American Arbitration Association (AAA) Personal Injury Protection Arbitrator - wrote over 500 AAA written decisions, 1994 - 2001
- American Arbitration Association Commercial Panel of Neutrals, Special Bankruptcy Panel 2001-2003
- United States Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey Roster of Mediators (2001-2013)
- *Present Panels* - arbitrator and/or mediator for:
 - Superior Court of New Jersey Roster of Mediators, Statewide Mediation Program for Civil, General Equity and Probate; State Foreclosure Mediator (mediated over 900 cases since 2001 including privately contracted mediations)
 - United States District Court, District of New Jersey, Panel of Certified Arbitrators
 - United States District Court, District of New Jersey, Panel of Mediators
 - Superior Court of New Jersey, Civil Division, Essex and Union County Panels of Arbitrators (formerly also Bergen, Hudson, Middlesex, Passaic) (arbitrated over 1300 additional cases including privately contracted arbitrations)

- New Jersey State Agriculture Development Committee Certified Mediator
- The National Arbitration Forum Panel of Arbitrators and Mediators
- FINRA Roster of Neutral Arbitrators/Chairpersons; Roster of Mediators
- National Arbitration and Mediation (NAM)
- Resolute Systems Roster of Mediators and Arbitrators
- Construction Dispute Resolution Services Panel of Mediators and Arbitrators
- CPR:International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution Panel of Distinguished Neutrals
- IRS Roster of Neutrals for Post Appeals Mediation and Arbitration Programs
- United States Arbitration and Mediation Midwest, ADR Panel
- National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals
- Storm Sandy American Arbitration Association Mediator
- Arbitration.com and Mediation.com
- Amicus Mediation & Arbitration Group
- Essex County Chancery Division Early Settlement Program

Law Office of Samuel A. DeGonge/formerly DeGonge Chappell, Belleville, New Jersey

- *1988 through 1994* - trial attorney primarily defending complex cases.
- Experience including, but not limited to, medical and nursing malpractice, liability, Tort Claims, wrongful discharge, discrimination, contracts (including employment), false arrest and imprisonment, civil rights and maritime.
- Tenant organization attorney and Rent Board attorney for the City of Bayonne.

Office of the New Jersey Solicitor, The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey

- *1982 through 1988* - litigator primarily in defense of cases including liability, common carrier, maritime, sovereign immunity, discrimination, contracts (including construction), employment, Workers' Compensation, bankruptcy, police defense and policy, and prosecution/resolution of commercial debt.

Hudson County Prosecutor's Office, Jersey City, New Jersey

- *1980 through 1982* - Assistant Prosecutor in Grand Jury, Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court and Trial Team. Co-author, administrative manual for Fugitive Unit. Former certified instructor, Police Training Commission, Division of Criminal Justice.

Office of Professional Discipline, New York State Department of Education

- *1979 through 1980* - Senior Investigator monitoring disciplined, licensed professionals (excluding attorneys and pharmacists); investigation of applicants for licensure and suspected unlicensed practitioners.

Lamb, Hutchinson, Chappell, Ryan & Hartung, Jersey City, New Jersey

- *1976 through 1979* - law clerk working in varied areas of liability.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND INSTRUCTION

- Harvard Law School Program of Instruction for Lawyers Mediation Workshop
- FINRA Panel Member Training; FINRA Chairperson Training; New Code Training
- Superior Court of New Jersey, County Arbitration/Mediation Trainings and Trainer
- United States District Court, Arbitrator Training
- Superior Court of New Jersey, Essex Vicinage, Advanced Mediation Training
- Justice Marie L. Garibaldi American Inn of Court for Alternative Dispute Resolution, Chapter Associate, 1998-2000, Chapter Master 2000-present; Executive Board; National Leadership Conferences 2000/2006

- Agricultural Mediation Training Course by New Jersey State Office of Dispute Settlement; Courses in Right to Farm, USDA issues and Farmland Preservation
- Civil Mediation Training Course and Family Law Mediation Training Course - Institute for Continuing Legal Education
- American Arbitration Association No Fault Arbitrator Trainings
- Construction Dispute Resolution Services Arbitrator Training
- Employment Mediation Interest Group (NJAPM)
- AAA Storm Sandy Online Mediation Training
- New Jersey Federal District Court Storm Sandy Mediation/ Arbitration Training

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND MENTORING/TEACHING

- Member of Mediator Facilitating Committee, Superior Court of New Jersey Roster of Mediators
- New Jersey Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Mediator Standards
- Mentor, Superior Court of New Jersey Roster of Mediators
- Trainer, New Jersey Association of Professional Mediators, Basic and Advanced Civil Mediation Training
- Former trainer, Statewide Mediation and Advanced Mediation Training Program for Civil, General Equity and Probate
- New Jersey State Bar Association (NJSBA) - Dispute Resolution Section (Past Chair; Board of Directors) 2000-present; Unlawful Practice of Law Committee (Vice Chair; Past Chair), 1984-1994; Construction Law Section member; Labor and Employment Law Section
- New Jersey Association of Professional Mediators (NJAPM)
- American Bar Association - Dispute Resolution Section; ABA Advisory Panel
- Association for Conflict Resolution (former member)
- New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Character - 1990-1997
- New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Unauthorized Practice of Law - 1994-2006
- New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Complementary Dispute Resolution; Civil Subcommittee 2005-2008, 2010-2011; Administration Subcommittee 2008-2011; Civil Subcommittee 2012 - present
- Justice Marie L. Garibaldi American Inn of Court for Alternative Dispute Resolution, Chapter Master, Team Leader and Executive Board Member, 2000-present
- National Association of Professional Women
- New Jersey Women Lawyers Association
- Guest Lecturer, Rutgers Law School

PUBLICATIONS

- "Drafting ADR Clauses that Work", New Jersey Lawyer, February 2005; reprinted Business Law Section Newsletter, New Jersey State Bar Association, August 2005; co-author Bonnie Blume Goldsamt
- "Mandatory Mediation is Here to Stay", 196 N.J.L.J. 258 (April 27, 2009)
- Former Editor, New Jersey State Bar Association, Dispute Resolution Newsletter

CIVICS

- Moderator, Verona and Cedar Grove Board of Education & Municipal Council Election Debates
- Volunteer Mediator, Township of Cedar Grove Municipal Court; Essex County municipalities
- Former member, Township of Cedar Grove Health Advisory Council

EDUCATION

- Seton Hall Law Center - J.D. 1979 - Centennial Scholarship for Excellence
- Douglass College - A.B. magna cum laude 1975