

## **Andrew Thaler, Esq.**

### **Educational Background:**

Buffalo Law School (J.D.) 1983

### **Experience:**

Court Appointed Part 137 Attorney Fee Dispute Arbitrator for over 10 years under the New York State Fee Dispute Program.

Mediated numerous matters to successful resolution over approximately two decades as either a party selected, or court appointed mediator in bankruptcy cases.

Member Subcommittee on Mediation for the Lawyers' Advisory Committee for the Bankruptcy Court Eastern District of New York. (2017-present)



### **ADR Philosophy:**

“My philosophy is to commit all my experience and skills as a mediator with the same zeal and dedication that mediation advocates utilize in advancing the positions and needs of their clients. I do not want the parties to leave the room unless every possible avenue of potential settlement has been exhausted. Having been trained as a facilitative mediator I first attempt to assist the parties in reaching their own negotiated settlement. However, when asked, or in the appropriate circumstances, I will take an evaluative approach if that is likely to result in a negotiated settlement. I believe that one of the most important attributes of a good mediator is to garner the trust of the parties as early as possible in the process.”

### **Current Panels:**

Mediation Panel—Commercial Division of Nassau County Supreme Court (2003-present)

Mediation Register United States Bankruptcy Court Eastern District of New York (2004-present)

Mediation and Arbitration Panels of the Nassau County Bar Association