

## **Beth Polner Abrahams, Esq.**

### **Educational Background:**

Franklin Pierce Law Center, Concord, N.H.  
(Now, University of New Hampshire School of Law)  
J.D. 1981

- Admitted Second Department 1982
- Federal Court (Eastern and Southern Districts) 1982

State University of New York at Albany  
B.A. 1978 *Magna cum Laude*



### **Experience:**

Part 146 Mediation certified mediator under the NYS Office of Court Administration. Basic and Advanced Training includes:

The Peace Institute (May 2013), Brooklyn, New York

Elder Decisions (June 2014) Westchester, New York

American Arbitration Association (AAA) Mediation Program (September 2014), New York, New York,

Queens CMS Mediation Center (October 30, 2019)

### **ADR Philosophy:**

“Mediation is a unique opportunity for litigants, families, and adversaries to craft balanced, negotiated resolution to disputes and disagreements. My belief is the resolution or settlement crafted by parties outside of the strictures and evidentiary limitations of the court environment will always have a better result. Complex legal disagreements have emotional components which can be addressed through mediation and, as mediator, I support the parties and their attorneys (if any) through facilitated dialogue and listening, exchange of perspectives, and space for constructive options for solution.”

### **Current Panels:**

In addition to the NCBA Mediation Panel, I currently serve as mediator:

CMS (Center for Mediation Services, Jamaica, NY serving the Queens Surrogate Court)

Suffolk Surrogate’s Court roster

Nassau County Bar Association Guardianship Mediation Pilot Project