

Ross J. Kartez, Esq.

Educational Background:

University at Buffalo (B.A., 2008 Dean's List)
St. John's University School of Law (J.D., 2012
Dean's List)

Experience:

Ross completed his Part 146 training and has been a mediator since 2011. He has helped parties resolve disputes in various practice areas including commercial, personal injury, professional liability, insurance coverage, and real estate matters. With a broad litigation advocacy practice (representing both plaintiffs and defendants), Ross has a knack for learning new subject areas and applying his many years of mediation and litigation experience (along with over a decade of continuous professional training) towards helping parties explore possible settlements that address interests (as opposed to positions). As a longstanding member of the Executive Committee of the New York State Bar Association's Dispute Resolution Section, which includes his role as Chair (2021-2022), Ross has participated (as attendee and faculty) in numerous mediation programs and trainings, and regularly contributes his time as a facilitator for the NYSBA's Basic Commercial Mediation Training and Advance Commercial Mediation Training.

ADR Philosophy:

Ross' mediation philosophy consists of focusing on the parties' process, interests, and the needs of a particular dispute. While his preference is to be more facilitative, Ross recognizes that certain parties and certain disputes require a more evaluative role from the mediator. Ross' many years as a successful litigator, helps him recognize which parties and which disputes require a more evaluative hand. While this might require more preparation and work in advance of a mediation session, it has led to a very high settlement rate, including multiple settlements where the parties and/or their attorneys believed that settlement in mediation was not possible.

Current Panels:

Ross currently serves as an arbitrator on the American Arbitration Association's commercial panel and is a mediator for the Nassau County Supreme Court and Bronx County Supreme Court panels.

