

Jess A. Bunshaft, Esq.

Experience:

Jess Bunshaft is mediator & arbitrator, and is a principal of Synergist Mediation, bringing over 16 years of mediation experience to the practice. His experience as a trial lawyer, trying major cases in tort & civil rights matters in both state and federal courts, combined with his experience as a business executive, make him uniquely positioned to handle business disputes, employment matters, tort cases, and a host of other issues found in an active ADR practice. In addition to his legal and ADR experience, Jess has worked in senior municipal management, as a healthcare system vice president, hospital vice president, and executive vice president of one of the largest not-for-profit organizations in New York.



Recognized for his skill in mediation, Jess:

- Is President of the Theodore Roosevelt American Inn of Court
- Is a mediator for the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (SDNY)
- Serves as a Special Master for the Appellate Division, Second Department of the New York State Supreme Court, in its mandatory mediation program
- Is a member of the Commercial Division mediation panel of the NYS Supreme Court, Nassau County
- Serves on the mediation panels of multiple other New York counties, including Bronx and Richmond counties
- Has led mediator training programs and served as a facilitator for New York State Bar Association commercial mediator training programs
- Created and led in-house employee relations mediation programs, resolving hundreds of employee-management disputes for over 20 years
- Has extensive experience in employment law, tort actions, civil rights matters, business management and commercial litigation
- Has worked as an employee advocate in diverse settings
- Was co-chair the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee of the Nassau County Bar Association (NCBA)
- Is a member of the House of Delegates of the New York State Bar Association
- Served in the management of hospital/healthcare organizations throughout the New York metro area
- Has taught law students studying mediation, including serving as mediator for the mediation advocacy program at the St. John's University School of Law, for the ABA mediation advocacy competition at Cardozo Law School, and for the FINRA Dispute Resolution Triathlon

- Co-chaired the 2019 NYSBA/NCBA Advanced Commercial Mediator Training program and taught as a facilitator in the 2020 Basic & Advanced Mediator programs

Jess also is a mediator and arbitrator for Part 137 fee disputes, including chairing panel arbitrations in New York and Bronx counties and as a solo arbitrator in Nassau County, and is an arbitrator for the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), as well as being on multiple courts' mediation panels.

With extensive training and over 16 years of experience in mediation, over 20 years of corporate management experience, as well as having served as Nassau County's Senior Trial Attorney in Tort & Civil Rights Litigation, combined with 29 years of legal practice in a diverse array of specialties, including personal injury, civil rights, labor & employment law, and corporate litigation, Jess brings a broad base of experience and skill now focused on helping parties resolve a variety of matters.