



HOWARD KAPLAN, ESQ.

Hearing Officer

Howard Kaplan brings a very unique perspective to the ADR arena having had the benefit of working in both a corporate and legal role for a major insurance company. In turn, this has resulted in the development of many positive working relationships with the plaintiff's bar throughout the years. He is well known by the majority of the plaintiff firms in the NY Metro area and most significantly, is well respected by them for his ability to fairly evaluate and settle cases.

Mr. Kaplan has held various roles within the Progressive Insurance Company House Counsel organization over the years. They include founding New York attorney of record, regional managing attorney overseeing New York, Connecticut and Rhode Island House Counsel offices, national House Counsel training/risk manager and large loss managing attorney for downstate high risk cases. He is currently the senior trial attorney in downstate New York responsible for litigating high exposure cases. Mr. Kaplan has lectured nationally on trial and negotiations skills. As a litigator, he has handled trials in every court located in the NY Metro area and Westchester, Orange, Rockland, Dutchess and Putnam Counties.

Howard Kaplan has garnered a reputation amongst his peers –both defense and plaintiff attorneys–for his fair valuation of claims and in depth medical knowledge. He has participated in hundreds of arbitrations and mediations over the years, and is an avid supporter of the ADR process which he views as an effective method of quickly and cost effectively moving cases to resolution. As a mediator/arbitrator, he has a keen ability to bring parties together based on his years of experience as a trial attorney and negotiator.

Mr. Kaplan was named one of the Top Ten Arbitrators in New York State by the 2015 New York Law Journal Reader Rankings Survey, and is available to mediate and arbitrate cases throughout the New York Metro Area.

SPECIALTIES:

- Insurance
- Legal Malpractice
- Negligence
- Personal Injury
- Premises Liability
- Products Liability

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- Progressive Casualty Insurance Company (1988-present)
- Prudential Property and Casualty Insurance Company (1986-1988)
- Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, Bronx Co. (1981- 1985)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS/ASSOCIATIONS

- New York State Bar Association
- New York Trial Lawyers Association
- Westchester Bar Association
- American Trial Lawyers Association

ADMISSIONS

- New York State Bar

EDUCATION

- Pace University School of Law, J.D.- 1981
- St. John's University, B.S., Magna Cum Laude-1978

HONORS and AWARDS

- New York Law Journal Reader Rankings Survey 2015, Top Ten - Best Individual Arbitrator Category