



HON. JEROME C. GORSKI (Ret.)

Associate Justice, Appellate Division, 4th Department

Hon. Jerome C. Gorski has had a long and distinguished legal career. He joins NAM after having served as a Justice in the Appellate Division of the State of New York, Fourth Dept., since his appointment in August, 2001. Prior to his appointment to the Appellate Division, he served as a Trial Judge in the Eighth Judicial District for over 12 years (January, 1989-August, 2001), and the Civil Trial Terms in New York City in 1989, 1990, 1992, 1994 and from September 1996-September 1998. Before his service on the bench, Judge Gorski served as a law clerk for the USDJ John J. Sirica, and to County Court Judge and NYS Supreme Court Justice James L. Kane. When not working in the Court system, Judge Gorski was engaged in private practice which consisted of general legal practice, negligence, product liability litigation, employment rights and collective bargaining/labor relations related work.

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For three consecutive years (2014, 2015, 2016), Judge Gorski was voted a Top Ten Arbitrator in New York State by the New York Law Journal Annual Reader Rankings Survey. In 2016, Judge Gorski was named a National Law Journal *Alternative Dispute Resolution Champion*, in which only 48 *ADR Champions* were selected nationwide. While on the bench, Judge Gorski was rated A-Superior by the Erie County Bar Association as a candidate for Supreme Court Justice, and was the recipient of the Outstanding Jurist Award in 1998 and the 2000 Award of Merit from the Erie

County Bar Association.

According to the 2009/2010 New York Judge Reviews, his personality and temperament “are worth rave reviews”; practicing attorneys unequivocally complimented his judging skill and his level of knowledge and expertise stating “He’s the best of the best.” As for his settlement skills, “Best judge on settling, good at negotiating.” and “He can settle cases better than anyone”. In a February 1, 2012 article published in the Buffalo News, Judge Gorski is noted for his strong negotiating and settlement skills during his career on the bench.

Now retired from the bench and serving as a full time mediator/arbitrator with NAM, Judge Gorski brings to the ADR arena his broad knowledge of many legal issues, as well as his strong negotiation and settlement skills that he honed as a labor lawyer and trial judge.

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION EXPERIENCE

- Appellate Practice
- Attorney Malpractice
- Bond/Surety
- Business/Commercial/Corporate
- Communication/Media
- Construction
- Medical Malpractice
- Negligence
- Partnership Law
- Personal Injury
- Property/Land Law/Leasing
- Public Law

- Employment Rights/Labor
- Environmental Law Planning
- Insurance
- Legal Ethics/Professional Liabilities
- Matrimonial
- Product Liability
- Torts & Product Liability
- Trade Secrets
- Worker's Compensation

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

- Associate Justice, Appellate Division, 4th Department (2001-2011)
- Justice of the Supreme Court, Eighth Judicial District (1989-2001)
- Judge of the Civil Trial Terms, NYC (Oct. 1989, Oct. 1990, Sept. 1992, Sept. 1994, Sept. 1996-Sept. 1998)
- Orleans County Calendar Part 1991, 1994, 1996

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

- Admitted to Practice in the State of New York (1962)

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Law Clerk, County Court Judge and NYS Supreme Court Judge James L. Kane (1973-1980)
- Private Practice (1963-1989)
- Law Clerk, Judge John J. Sirica, United States District Court, District of Columbia (1962-1963)

EDUCATION

- Georgetown University Law School, J.D. (1962)
- Board of Editors-Georgetown University Law Review
- Niagara University, BA-Cum Laude (1958)

HONORS and AWARDS

- New York Law Journal Reader Rankings Survey 2016, Top Ten - Best Individual Arbitrator Category
- The National Law Journal, *2016 Alternative Dispute Resolution Champion*
- New York Law Journal Reader Rankings Survey 2015, Top Ten - Best Individual Arbitrator Category
- New York Law Journal Reader Rankings Survey 2014, Top Ten - Best Individual Arbitrator Category
- Rated A-Superior Candidate for Supreme Court Justice, Erie County Bar Association
- Award of Merit, Erie County Bar Association (2000)
- Outstanding Jurist Award, Erie County Bar Association (1998)

MEMBERSHIPS & PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Member, Advisory Committee on Judicial Ethics (1995-Present)
- Member, Pattern Jury Instructions (Civil) Committee (1997-2008)
- Panel Member, Eighth Judicial District Anti-Discrimination Panel (1996-Present)
- Member, Jury Selection Uniformity Committee (1993-94)
- National Judicial College (November 1993)
- Erie County Bar Association, Board of Directors (1977-1980)
- Western New York Trial Lawyers Association
- American Trial Lawyers Association
- President, Lawyer Club of Buffalo (1984)
- Member, Erie County Bar Association
- Member, NYS Bar Association
- Chairman, Eight County Diocesan Catholic Charities Appeal (1980)
- Member, Board of Trustee Erie County United Way (1979-1980)
- Member, Board of Trustees Studio Arena Theater (1974-1984)
- Chairman, Maintenance Fund Drive, Studio Arena Theater (1982)
- Member, Board of Directors Buffalo Hearing and Speech Center (1972-1984)
- Member, Daemen College Scholarship Fund Committee (1985-1988)
- Member, Board of Advisors-Niagara University (1990-present)
- Advisory Committee Member and Chair of Speakers' Committee of Kids Voting Project (1996-1998)
- Member, NYS Justices Association

TEACHING & PUBLICATIONS

- The Exclusionary Rule and the Question of Standing, 50 Georgetown Law Journal 585
- Lecturer, NYS Bar Association Seminars
- Lecturer, Judicial Seminars (1994-1999)
- Lecturer, Newly Elected Judges (1996-1999)