



HON. JOHN G. INGRAM (RET.)

*Justice of the Supreme Court, Kings County
Maritime Law Specialist*

The Honorable John G. Ingram has had a long and remarkable legal career, both as a judge and a litigator practicing admiralty law. As one of the nation's foremost authorities on maritime matters, Judge Ingram has successfully litigated hundreds of cases representing container ship companies, cruise ship owners, terminal operators, passenger and harbor workers, seafarers, docking pilots, a major towing company and the Port of Albany. Additionally, he represented a foreign government in cargo cases. As a Commissioner of Pilots, Judge Ingram oversaw and conducted investigations concerning pilots involved in marine casualties. He also represented seafarers in United States Coast Guard investigations. He also served as an attorney for parties in charter and salvage arbitrations.

In 2003, Judge Ingram left private practice and began a distinguished 17-year judicial career when Governor George Pataki appointed him Judge of the New York State Court of Claims. Shortly thereafter, he was assigned to the Supreme Court, Bronx County Narcotics and Trial Part and then reassigned to the Supreme Court, Kings County, Trial Part, in the criminal division, where he served with distinction for nine years. During that time, Judge Ingram presided over more than 200 felony trials to verdict. In 2017, he was appointed Acting Surrogate Judge, Kings County, where he oversaw more than three hundred estate cases and settled multiple contested estate matters. Two years later, Justice Ingram was reassigned to the Supreme Court, Kings County. While serving on the Kings County bench, he was also assigned to Queens Supreme Court (Civil) to oversee a voter recount of the Democratic primary election for Queens District Attorney. He also sat as Acting Surrogate Judge of Richmond County overseeing estate matters. He remained Justice of the Supreme Court, Kings County, until his retirement in December 2019.

Justice Ingram has served as an arbitrator in the United State District Court for the Eastern District of New York and Civil Court of the City of New York. Additionally, he has served as a commercial arbitrator for many commercial cases throughout New York. An avid supporter of alternative dispute resolution (ADR), Judge Ingram's experience on the bench, combined with the time spent as a maritime litigator in private practice, gives him the ability to approach matters in an unbiased manner and guide parties and counsel to a fair and impartial resolution.

Captain Ingram's interest and deep understanding of maritime law stems back to his undergraduate studies at the State University of New York Maritime College, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Marine Transportation. After graduation, he joined the United States Naval Reserve and sailed on his license aboard U.S. flag freighters, containerships and passenger liners as a Third and Second Mate. In the 31 years with the U.S. Naval Reserve, Judge Ingram served on board two aircraft carriers, a landing platform helicopter ship (LPH), an oiler (tanker) and a destroyer escort. He served as commanding officer of five reserve units including Military Sealift Command Northern United Kingdom. He holds a third mate's license for Continuity issued by the U.S. Coast Guard.

Additionally, Judge Ingram served as a Member of the Boards of Maritime College Foundation at Fort Schuyler, the Alumni Association of the New York State Maritime College, The Cathedral Club of Brooklyn and Vice President and board member of the Brooklyn Benevolent Society. He is a member of the Association of the U.S. Navy, the BAYFORTS, NYS Association of Fire Chiefs and The Marine Society of the City of New York. He is also an Honorary Usher at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Manhattan.

Judge Ingram is a native New Yorker, born in Manhattan, raised in Queens, educated in Brooklyn and the Bronx. He is an active member of the New York State Fire Chiefs, a volunteer firefighter and member of the Point Breeze Volunteer Fire Department since 1958 and was appointed to the Advisory Board of the FDNY Fire Family Transport Foundation, LTD. He is also an Honorary Battalion Chief in the Fire Department of New York.

Justice Ingram is available to hear Maritime Law cases throughout the United States.

AREAS of EXPERIENCE

- Cargo Damage
- Charter Party Disputes
- Collision Litigation
- Cruise Ship Passenger Claims
- Groundings
- Jones Act / Unseaworthiness Claims
- Longshore Harbor Workers Personal Injury
- Personal Injury
- Pollution
- Surrogate Matters

LECTURES and PUBLICATIONS

- Speaker, Webinar: *Introduction to Admiralty Law and the Use of ADR in Resolving Maritime Disputes*, Corporate Counsel Business Journal (CCBJ), 2020
- Speaker, *Resolving Trust and Estate Issues Utilizing ADR*, presented to the New York State Academy of Trial Lawyers, 2020
- CCBJ Interview: *Maritime Matters Are at the Forefront of Alternative Dispute Resolution*, Corporate Counsel Business Journal (CCBJ), 2020
- CLE lecturer, Maritime Law Association of the United States
- Speaker, *Personal Injury and Medical Malpractice on the High Seas*, Bay Ridge Lawyers Association, 2015
- Co-author, *Admiralty law for the Maritime Professional* with Janis Schulmeisters, Esq., 2015
- Author, *The Fifth Amendment and Marine Investigations*, University of San Francisco Maritime Law Journal, Volume 5, No.2, 1993
- Adjunct Professor, St. John's University School of Law, 2011
- Adjunct Lecturer, Admiralty Law, State University of New York (SUNY) Maritime College, 2008 - Present
- Instructor/Lecturer, Intensive Trial Advocacy Program, Cardozo Law School of Yeshiva University, 1998 - 2003
- Professor, New York Law School 1977 - 1987
- CLE Lecturer, Military Law Committee of the Brooklyn Bar Association

HONORS and AWARDS

- Hon. Guy J. Mangano Distinguished Jurist Award, St. John's University School of Law, 2009
- Thomas Moore Award, The Catholic Schools, Diocese of Brooklyn, 2009
- First Annual Justice Ballard Award, Catholic Charities, 2006
- Pro Bono Award, New York County Lawyers, 2005
- Frank Carvil Award, Brehon Law Society, 2004 – Present

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

- Justice of the Supreme Court, Kings County, 2013 - 2019
- Acting Surrogate, Richmond County in 2019
- Acting Surrogate, Kings County, 2017 - 2019
- Acting Justice of the Supreme Court, Second Judicial District, Kings County, Trial Part, Criminal Division, 2005 - 2013
- Acting Justice of the Supreme Court, Bronx County, Narcotics Part and Trial Part, 2003 - 2005
- Judge, New York State Court of Claims, 2003 - 2013

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- Partner, Healy & Baillie, LLP, 1996 - 2003
- Partner, Martocci & Ingram, 1995 - 1996
- Attorney, Burlingham Underwood Wright White & Lord, 1969 - 1995
 - Partner, 1976 - 1995
- Commissioner, Board of Commissioners of Pilots, State of New York, 1989 - 1995

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES and ADMISSIONS

- New York State Bar
- New Jersey State Bar
- United States Supreme Court
- U.S. Courts of Appeals for the 2nd and 3rd Circuits
- U.S. Court of Military Appeals
- Admitted to practice in the U.S. District Courts for the Southern, Eastern and Northern Districts of New York; District Courts of New Jersey, Connecticut and Southern District of Alabama

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS and ASSOCIATIONS

- Member, The Maritime Law Association of the United States
- Member, The Marine Society of the City of New York
- Member, Board of the Maritime Museum at Fort Schuyler
- Member and Former President, Alumni Association of the New York State Maritime College
- Member, The Association of the U.S. Navy
- Member, Brooklyn Bar Association
- Member, New York Academy of Trial Lawyers
- Member, Bay Ridge Lawyers Association
- Member, Brehon Law Association
- Member, Irish American Bar Association
- Member, Columbian Lawyers Association
- Advisory Board of the Fire Department of New York (FDNY) Fire Family Transport Foundation Limited, 2007 - Present

- Vice President, Brooklyn Benevolent Society, 1992 – Present
- Point Breeze Volunteer Fire Department, Breezy Point, 1958 – Present
- Member, The Cathedral Club of Brooklyn
- Member, BAYFORTS, NYS Association of Fire Chiefs
- Former Member, Board of the Maritime College Foundation, Fort Schuyler

EDUCATION

- St. John's University, J.D., 1969
- State University of New York Maritime College, B.S. in Marine Transportation, 1964

MILITARY / MARITIME

- United States Naval Reserve, served 31 years as an unrestricted Line Officer, Retiring with rank of Captain USN.
- Served in the New York Naval Militia as Deputy Commander; retired with the rank of Rear Admiral (L/H), 1966 - 2011
- Holds Third Mate license (Oceans Unlimited) for continuity issued by the U.S. Coast Guard, 2011
- Sailed as Third Mate and Second Mate aboard the U.S. flag freighters, containerships and passenger ships