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## **CURRICULUM VITAE OF BONNIE BLUME GOLDSAMT**

*THE LAW & MEDIATION OFFICES OF BONNIE BLUME GOLDSAMT, MA, JD, APM*

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BAR ADMISSION:           New Jersey - 1979  
                                  United States District Court, 1979  
                                  United States Supreme Court - 1987  
                                  New York - 1990

### **LEGAL EMPLOYMENT**

*Sole Practitioner/ADR Neutral*, including mediation and arbitration of business disputes, employment matters, construction disputes, family conflicts (both business and personal), probate matters, shareholder/partnership disputes. Legal background and experience since 1989 in general equity and probate litigation, business/commercial litigation, family law, general equity cases and trusts and estates, 1989 to date.

*Senior Associate* - Steven Morey Greenberg, Esq. - Federal and State Court litigation, Chancery Court matters, family law - 1987 to 1989.

*Associate* - Rose & DeFuccio, Esqs. - family law, trusts and estates, real estate - 1984 to 1987.

*Assistant County Counsel* - Essex County, New Jersey - Governmental Affairs Section - Complex civil litigation in Federal and State courts, consumer law and litigation, review of pending legislation/resolutions/ordinances, statutory and case law and counseling to the County Executive and others

*Associate* - Cole, Schotz, Bernstein, Meisel & Forman - Federal and State Court Civil Litigation, Bankruptcy, Real Estate, Banking, and Trusts and Estates - 1980-1982.

*Law Secretary*, The Honorable Herbert S. Glickman, Superior Court, Essex County, Chancery, Family Part, 1979-1980

*Legal Intern* - United States Attorney, New Jersey - 1978.

### **TEACHING ACTIVITIES**

*Member of the Faculty* - NJ ICLE Civil and Divorce Mediation Training Courses

Trainer/Mentor, NJAPM Mediation Training Courses

*Former Associate Adjunct Professor*, Seton Hall Law School Center for Social Justice

### **BAR ASSOCIATIONS**

American Bar Association; New Jersey State Bar Association; Bergen County Bar Association; Women Lawyers in Bergen County; Essex County Bar Association

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

“Storm Sandy” Mediator, American Arbitration Association

Arbitrator/Mediator, American Arbitration Association

Member, NJ Chapter, National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals

Senior Mediator, Association for Conflict Resolution

Advanced Mediator, Association for Professional Family Mediators

Past Officer/Director, New Jersey Association of Professional Mediators (“NJAPM”).  
Accredited Professional Mediator, Commercial Mediator and Family, NJAPM

Federal District Court Of New Jersey Mediator

New Jersey Superior Court Approved R. 1:40 Divorce and Civil Mediator

Arbitrator, Superior Court of New Jersey, Bergen County  
Early Settlement Panelist, Bergen County

## **LEGAL/PROFESSIONAL HONORS**

Judge, International Chamber of Commerce International Mediation Competition, Paris, France, February 2013.

Recipient of the “*Distinguished Service*” Award, NJ ICLE, 2010

Recipient of the “*Legend of ADR*” Award, New Jersey State Bar Association Dispute Resolution Section, 2007

Recipient of Boskey *ADR “Practitioner of the Year,” Award 2004*, NJSBA Dispute Resolution Section

Appointed Member, NEW JERSEY SUPREME COURT COMPLEMENTARY DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE, 1999-2013 (2 year cycles).

Appointed Member, NEW JERSEY SUPREME COURT, DISTRICT V-C ETHICS COMMITTEE, 1996-2000.

Appointed Member, NEW JERSEY SUPREME COURT FAMILY PRACTICE COMMITTEE, 1990-1992.

Appointed Member, SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, BERGEN Contract Arbitrator and Mediator, Superior Court, Chancery; Early Settlement Panelist, Bergen County

MASTER, MARIE L. GARIBALDI AMERICAN INN OF COURT FOR ADR and Member of the Inn's Executive Committee, 2001 to date.

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**BAR ACTIVITIES**

***NEW JERSEY STATE BAR ASSOCIATION:***

Section/Committee Trustee, 3 terms: 2007-2013.

**Chair, Dispute Resolution Section**, 1999-2000; 2000-2001

**Chair, Program Committee**, 2000-2002.

Chair, Sponsorship Policy Special Committee

Chair, Alternative Work Arrangements in the Legal Profession Special Committee

Secretary, General Council; General Council Executive Committee;

**Sections:** Dispute Resolution; Women in the Profession; Solos and Small Firm; Family Law

**Committees:** CLE Advisory Committee; Meeting Arrangements and Program Committee; Membership and Public Relations Committee; Election Committee; Judicial Administration; Long-term Planning; Legal Education; Pro Bono; Women's Rights; Judicial Vacancy; Task Force on Alternative Work Schedules in the Legal Profession Chair, Subcommittee on Lawyer Education and Resources); Board of Directors, Dispute Resolution Section; Dispute Resolution; Family Law Section Executive Committee.

***BERGEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION - Trustee - 3 terms (1988-1997)***

Numerous committees, including as Chair, Dispute Resolution Committee; Chair, Alternative Work Schedules Committee; Family Law, Elder Law and Labor Law Committees; Judicial Selection; Speakers Bureau; Bergen Barrister; General Equity/Probate Committee

***BERGEN COUNTY BAR FOUNDATION:*** Founding Trustee. Scholarship and Student Loan Committee; Continuing Legal Education

***WOMEN LAWYERS IN BERGEN COUNTY:*** President 1985-1987; Secretary 1983-1985.

Trustee 1983-1988. Director-At-Large 1988-1989. Committees: Program, Judiciary, Membership

**PUBLICATIONS and NOTABLE PRESENTATIONS:**

Effectively With Mediators and Clients," 5 New Jersey Lawyer 112, January 15, 1996.

"Cases Suited for Mediation," NJ Lawyer, 10/14/96. Reprinted in Horn and Roth, "Residential Real Estate Practice in New Jersey," NJ ICLE Publication, 1998.

"Dispelling Divorce Mediation Myths," 6 NJ Lawyer 2818, September 8, 1997.

"The Art of Negotiating from a Mediator's Perspective," NJ ICLE Presentation, 1998.

"Don't Duck, Mediate!" New Jersey Lawyer, August 17, 1998.

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“A Personal Tribute to Professor Jim Boskey,” 3 NJAPM NEWS, Issue 2, May 15, 2000.

“*Hot Tips: What To Do When Your Client is in Mediation*,” presented at the NJSBA Annual Meeting, May 11, 2000. “Hot Tips for Attorneys,” also published in NJSBA Dispute Resolution Section Newsletter, Fall/Winter 2000.

“How Mediation Can Work for You to Resolve Your Business Disputes,” Commerce & Industry Magazine, 2001.

“Successful “Divorce Mediation Requires Cooperation Between Attorneys and Mediators,” NJ Lawyer, October 11, 2001.

“Mediation of Business and Chancery Disputes,” NJ Lawyer, 2004.

“ADR Clauses that Work,” New Jersey Lawyer, January 1, 2005.

Mediation 101,” New Jersey Lawyer, October 9, 2006.

“How ADR Day Was Born in Bergen County,” WLIB Publication. 2006.

“Mediation 101,” Guardianship Association presentation, 10/9/06.

“Top 10 Ways to Advocate in a Mediation.” NJ Law Journal, 2/2/09.

“*Mandatory Mediation: Does it Work? The New Jersey Experience*,” presented before the ABA Dispute Resolution Section Annual Meeting, New York, April 2009.

“How to Get the Most for Your Clients When Their Case is Referred to Mediation: Managing the Mediated Case from the Attorney’s Perspective,” New Jersey Lawyer Magazine, April 2011, No. 269.

“Achieving Excellence in Mediation Case Management of Civil Cases, Grappling With Discovery and Other Critical Challenges,” presented before the ABA Dispute Resolution Section Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., April 2012.

“Case Management of Complex Civil Cases,” New Jersey State Bar Association, Mid Year Meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada, October 2012.

## **EDUCATION:**

RUTGERS LAW SCHOOL, Newark, New Jersey, J.D.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, M.A., Department of Politics/International Relations,  
comparative Government

SARAH LAWRENCE COLLEGE, B.A.

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