



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
2025 MEDIATOR LIST
BUFFALO, NEW YORK**

*Please Note: Pursuant to ADR Plan Section 5.4 (A), panel neutrals shall receive \$200/hour for the first two hours of the initial mediation session, without compensation for preparatory time. Thereafter, Mediators shall receive no more than their Court-approved hourly rates for time spent in mediation and for preparation between sessions that has been authorized or reasonably anticipated by the parties. The following Court-approved rates are not indicative of the fees ordinarily charged by these professionals for their legal or mediation services.

Name/ Year Admitted to Practice	Contact Information	Hourly Mediation Rate(M)/ Preparation Rate(P)*	Nature of Practice/ Areas of Specialization	Will Mediate Disputes in:
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Hedwig M. Auletta 1987	716-432-0273 hedydoe@gmail.com	\$0 (M) \$0 (P)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Litigation • Insurance • Tort 	Buffalo
Mitchell J. Banas 1986	Bond Schoeneck & King, PLLC Avant Building, Suite 900 200 Delaware Avenue Buffalo, NY 14202 716-416-7000 Fax: 416-7001 mbanas@bsk.com	\$250 (M) \$225 (P)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial • Intellectual Property • Trademark 	Buffalo Rochester

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Christen E. Civiletto 1993	christenciviletto@gmail.com (716) 713-2431 EntrustADR.org	\$225 (M) \$200 (P)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Commercial • Contract • Tort/Toxic Tort • Intellectual Property 	Buffalo Rochester

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Lisa A. Coppola 1990	The Coppola Firm 4033 Maple Rd, Suite 100 Buffalo, NY 14226 716-839-9700 (office) 716-408-9220 (fax) lcoppola@coppolalegal.com	\$300 (M) \$275 (P)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial Litigation • General Litigation • Employment • Personal Injury • School Law 	Buffalo Rochester
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Amy Habib Rittling 1996	Lippes Mathias LLP 50 Fountain Plaza Suite 1700 Buffalo, NY 14202-2293 716-853-5100 ahabibrittling@lippes.com	\$280 (M) \$280 (P)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment 	Buffalo Rochester
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Hon. Barbara Howe (ret.) 1981	201 Gull Landing Buffalo, NY 14202 (716) 998-6727 bhowe1@verizon.net	\$250 (M) \$250 (P)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Litigation • Tort • Estate Disputes • Family Law 	Buffalo Rochester
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Joseph V. McCarthy 1970	Roach, Brown, McCarthy & Gruber, P.C. 1920 Liberty Building 424 Main Street Buffalo, NY 14202 716-852-0400 Fax: 716-852-2535 jvmccarthy@roachbrown.com	\$200 (M) \$200 (P)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Malpractice • Product Liability • Tort 	Buffalo Rochester

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Michael F. Perley 1977	Hurwitz & Fine, P.C. 1300 Liberty Building Buffalo, New York 14202 Phone: (716) 849-8900 mfp@hurwitzfine.com	\$300 (M) \$300 (P)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal Injury • Commercial • Municipal • Environmental Litigation 	Buffalo Rochester
Paul I. Perlman 1979	piperlman@verizon.net 716-480-0879	\$225 (M) \$200 (P)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intellectual Property (incl. patent) • Employment • Commercial 	Buffalo Rochester
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Vivian M. Quinn 1993	Nixon Peabody, LLP 40 Fountain Plaza Key Towers, Suite 500 Buffalo, NY 14202 716- 853- 8134 Fax: 716- 853- 8109 vquinn@nixonpeabody.com	\$280 (M) \$280 (P)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial • Product Liability • Tort 	Buffalo
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