



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
2023 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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| Florina Altshiler 2005 | RUSSO & GOULD LLP 12 Fountain Plaza, Suite 600 Buffalo, NY 14202 716-800-6389 faltshiler@russogould.com | \$300 (M) \$200 (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Malpractice • Civil Rights • Torts • Commercial • General Litigation | Buffalo Rochester |
| 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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| Judith A. Biltekoff 1994 | Law Office of Judith A. Biltekoff 94 Smallwood Drive Snyder, NY 14226 716-870-0525 Jbiltekoff@gmail.com | \$225 (M) \$175 (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil Rights • Employment • Labor | Buffalo Rochester |
| Edward S. Bloomberg 1973 | Phillips Lytle LLP One Canalside 125 Main Street Buffalo, NY 14203 716-847-7096 ebloomberg@phillipslytle.com | \$300 (M) \$300 (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial • Contract • Trade Secret Theft • Trademark Infringement • Antitrust • Unfair Competition | Buffalo Rochester |
| Michael A. Brady 1976 | Hagerty & Brady 69 Delaware Avenue Suite 1010 Buffalo, NY 14202 716- 856- 9443 Fax : 716- 856- 0511 mbrady@hagerty-brady.com | \$300 (M) \$300 (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial • General Litigation • Tort | Buffalo Rochester |
| David G. Brock 1973 | The Coppola Firm 4033 Maple Rd, Suite 100 Buffalo, NY 14226 716-839-9700 dbrock@coppolalegal.com | \$300 (M) \$300 (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Negligence • Insurance • Product Liability • Tort • Commercial • Legal Malpractice • General Litigation | Buffalo |
| Michelle S. Bullock 1997 | Michelle S. Bullock Law & Mediation, PLLC 4476 Main St. Ste 204 Amherst, NY 14226 716.381.9036 mbullocklaw@gmail.com michellebullock.com | \$275 (M) \$275 (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mediation Practice • Contract • Divorce • Family • Real Estate • Estate | Buffalo Rochester |
| 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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| Robert B. Conklin 1968 | Hodgson Russ LLP The Guaranty Building 140 Pearl Street Buffalo, NY 14202 716- 848 -1462 Fax: 716- 849- 0349 rconklin@hodgsonruss.com | \$200 (M) \$200 (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract • Employment • Product Liability | Buffalo Rochester |
| Jessica L. Copeland 2005 | Bond, Schoeneck & King LLP The Avant Building 200 Delaware Avenue, Suite 900 Buffalo, NY 14202 716- 416 -7034 jcopeland@bsk.com | \$300 (M) \$250 (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial Litigation • Intellectual Property • Cybersecurity • Data Privacy | Buffalo Rochester |
| Douglas S. Coppola 1976 | 37 Franklin Street Suite 100 Buffalo, NY 14202 716-852-4100 Fax: 852-0002 dcoppola@dsclawyers.com | \$300 (M) \$300 (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract • Medical Malpractice • Tort/Product Liability | Buffalo |
| 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 |
| James D. Donathen 1979 | 6928 Chester Trail Bradenton, FL 34202 Summer Address: 131 Tralee Terrace East Amherst, NY 14051 716-432-1290 (cell) donathenadr@gmail.com | \$300 (M) \$300 (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment/Labor • Commercial Litigation • Non-compete • Contract • General Litigation | Buffalo Rochester |
| Kevin J. English 1985 | Phillips Lytle LLP One Canalside 125 Main Street Buffalo, NY 14203 716-847-5447 kenglish@phillipslytle.com | \$300 (M) \$300 (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial • Non-compete • Tort/Product Liability • General Litigation | Buffalo Rochester |

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| Ann E. Evanko 1980 | Hurwitz & Fine, P.C. 1300 Liberty Building Buffalo, NY 14202 716- 849- 8900 Fax: 716- 855- 0874 aee@hurwitzfine.com | \$300 (M) \$300 (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporation • Commercial • Employment | Buffalo Rochester |
| Jennifer L. Friedman 1998 | Law Offices of Jennifer L. Friedman, PLLC 5406 Broadway, #518 Lancaster, New York 14086 (716) 601-9045 Cell (preferred) jenfriedman@jfriedmanlaw.com | \$300 (M) \$275 (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intellectual Property • Employment • Corporate/Commercial • Construction | Buffalo Rochester |
| Bernadette Gargano 2003 | 313 O'Brien Hall University at Buffalo School of Law Buffalo, New York 14260-1100 716-645-6223(Office) 716-645-2381 (Direct Line) gargano@buffalo.edu | \$250 (M) \$200 (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil Rights/Constitutional Law • Commercial, complex contract, and business law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction Law • Education/Higher Education Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment law • Intellectual Property | Buffalo Rochester |
| Lynn Gates 1977 | Smith, Muphy & Schoepperle 295 Main Street, Suite 786 Buffalo, NY 14203 716-852-1544 (office) 716-861-8552 (cell) gates@smithmurphy.com | \$300 (M) \$300 (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal Injury • Medical Malpractice • Product Liability • Commercial | Buffalo Rochester |
| Krista Gottlieb 1980 | ADR Center & Law Office 17 Court Street Buffalo, NY 14202 716- 218-2188 Fax: 716-856-5814 KG@KristaGottlieb.com | \$300 (M) \$300 (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial • Employment • General Litigation | Buffalo |
| Garry M. Graber 1979 | 140 Pearl Street Buffalo, NY 14202-4040 716-440-1777 ggrabr@hodgsonruss.com | \$250 (M) \$225 (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial/Corporate • Construction • Federal Receiverships | Buffalo Rochester |

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| Timothy J. Graber 1992 | Gibson, McAskill & Crosby, LLP 69 Delaware Avenue, Suite 900 Buffalo, NY 14202-3866 (716) 856-4200 (716) 856-4013 (Fax) tgrab@gmclaw.com | \$225 (M) \$225 (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract • Commercial • General Litigation | Buffalo Rochester |
| James W. Gresens 1974 | Duke, Holzman, Photiadis & Gresens LLP 710 Seneca St. Ste. 750 Buffalo, NY 14210 716- 855-1111 Fax: 716- 855- 0327 jwgresens@dhpqlaw.com | \$275 (M) \$260 (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial • Construction • Contract | Buffalo Rochester |
| Amy Habib Rittling 1996 | Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman, 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 |
| Joseph M. Hanna 2006 | Goldberg Segalla LLP 665 Main Street Buffalo, New York 14203-1425 Direct — 716.566.5447 Fax — 716.566.5401 jhanna@goldbergsegalla.com | \$255 (M) \$225 (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retail and Hospitality • Sports and Entertainment • Corporate Services • Commercial Litigation • Higher Education • General Litigation | Buffalo Rochester |
| Carol E. Heckman 1978 | Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman, LLP 50 Fountain Plaza Suite 1700 Buffalo, NY 14202-2293 716-853-5100 checkman@lippes.com | \$300 (M) \$300 (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial • Employment • Product Liability | Buffalo Rochester |
| Mary M. Helenbrook Arbitrator/Mediator | 109 Cimarand Drive Williamsville, NY 14221 716-689-3814 mhelenbrook@verizon.net | \$200 (M) \$200 (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment • Labor | Buffalo |
| Marilyn A. Hochfield 1985 | Kavinoky Cook LLP 726 Exchange Street, Suite 800 Buffalo, NY 14210 716- 845- 6000 ext. 202 Fax: 716-845-6474 mhochfield@gmail.com | \$225 (M) \$200 (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil Rights • Commercial • Employment | Buffalo Rochester |

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| Kevin M. Hogan 1992 | Phillips Lytle LLP One Canalside 125 Main Street Buffalo, NY 14203 716-847-8331 Fax: 716-852-6100 khogan@phillipslytle.com | \$300 (M) \$300 (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental • Intellectual Property • Product Liability • Tort | Buffalo Rochester |
| Hon. Barbara Howe (ret.) 1981 | 201 Gull Landing Buffalo, NY 14202 (716) 998-6727 bhowel@verizon.net | \$250 (M) \$250 (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Litigation • Tort • Estate Disputes • Family Law | Buffalo Rochester |
| Brittany Jones 2014 | Brittany Jones 860-919-5791 Jones.brittany77@gmail.com | \$200 (M) \$200 (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil Litigation • Commercial Litigation • Construction Disputes • Employment Disputes • Mental Health Litigation | Buffalo Rochester |
| Dan D. Kohane 1980 | Hurwitz & Fine, P.C. 1300 Liberty Building Buffalo, NY 14202 716-849-8942 ddk@hurwitzfine.com | \$270 (M) \$240 (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insurance Coverage • Commercial Litigation • Personal Injury | Buffalo Rochester |
| Lindy Korn 1979 | Electric Tower 535 Washington Street Buffalo, NY 14203 716-856-5676 Fax: 716-507-8475 lkorn@lkorn-law.com | \$225 (M) \$175 (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial • Contract • Employment Discrimination | Buffalo Rochester |
| Kenneth A. Manning 1978 | Phillips Lytle LLP One Canalside 125 Main Street Buffalo, NY 14203 (716) 847-7041 kmanning@phillipslytle.com | \$300 (M) \$300 (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appellate • Class Action • Commercial Litigation • Construction • Education • Product liability/ Mass Tort | Buffalo Rochester |
| 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 P. McClaren 1991 | Webster Szanyi LLP 1400 Liberty Building Buffalo, NY 14202 (716) 842-2800 (716) 845-6709 mmcclaren@ws-llp.com | \$300 (M) \$300 (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial • Civil Rights • Employment • Personal Injury | Buffalo Rochester |
| Michael Menard 1978 | 69 Delaware Avenue, Ste. 705 Buffalo, NY 14202 716-842-6700 Fax: 716-842-6707 menardlaw@aol.com | \$250 (M) \$250 (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial • Insurance • Tort | Buffalo Rochester |
| Katie Nichols Harrod 1994 | Katie Nichols Harrod, Esq. 213 South Division Street Buffalo, NY 14204 Katieharrodlaw@yahoo.com | \$200 (M) \$200 (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Law • Real Property • Technology/Intellectual Property | Buffalo |
| Randolph C. Oppenheimer 1980 | Barclay Damon LLP The Avant Building, Ste. 1200 200 Delaware Avenue Buffalo, NY 14202 716-858-3780 Fax: 716-856-5510 roppenheimer@barclaydamon.com | \$225 (M) \$225 (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment • Labor • Patent | Buffalo Rochester |
| Paul D. Pearson 1966 | 1404 Sweet Home Rd. Ste. 9 Amherst, NY 14228 716-632-2728 Fax: 716-565-1675 pdp@pdpesq.com | \$275 (M) \$200 (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial • Estate Disputes • Family Law/ADR | Buffalo Rochester |
| Michael F. Perley 1977 | Hurwitz & Fine, P.C. 1300 Liberty Building Buffalo, New York 14202 Phone: (716) 849-8900 mfp@hurwitzfine.com | \$220 (M) \$215 (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 |
| Gregory P. Photiadis 1978 | Duke, Holzman, Photiadis & Gresens LLP 710 Seneca St. Ste. 750 Buffalo, NY 14210 716- 855-1111 Fax: 716 855- 0327 gpp@dhpqlaw.com | \$275 (M) \$200 (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial • Construction • Environmental | Buffalo Rochester |

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| Sharon M. Porcellio 1983 | Bond Schoeneck & King PLLC 200 Delaware Ave., Ste. 900 Buffalo, NY 14202 716-566-2844 (Buffalo) 585-362-2844 (Rochester) Fax: 716-566-2808 sporcellio@bsk.com | \$280 (M) \$280 (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial • Employment • Intellectual Property • Class Actions | Buffalo Rochester |
| 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 |
| Michael J. Roach 1993 | CONNORS LLP 1000 Liberty Building Buffalo, New York 14202 (716) 852-5533 (716) 852-5649 (fax) mjr@connorsllp.com | \$250 (M) \$250 (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trial Practice • Representation of Professionals (physicians and attorneys) | Buffalo |
| Hugh M. Russ, III 1988 | Hodgson Russ LLP The Guaranty Building 140 Pearl Street Buffalo, NY 14202 716- 848-1388 hruss@hodgsonruss.com | \$300 (M) \$300 (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial • Insurance • Product Liability | Buffalo Rochester |
| Joseph F. Saeli, Jr. 1978 | Colligan Law LLP 12 Fountain Plaza Suite 600 Buffalo, NY 14202 716- 885-1150 Fax: 716-885-4662 jsaeli@colliganlaw.com | \$275 (M) \$175 (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporation • Employment • Labor | Buffalo Rochester |
| Harvey P. Sanders 1990 | Sanders & Sanders 401 Maryvale Drive Cheektowaga, NY 14225 harvey.sanders@wnyemploymentlaw.com (716) 839-1489 (716) 839-1512 (fax - not for service) | \$225 (M) \$175 (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labor & Employment Law • Civil Rights • Commercial Litigation • Contract • Tort | Buffalo Rochester |

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| Daniel L. Schoenborn 1973 | DeMarie & Schoenborn 403 Main Street, Suite 615 Buffalo, NY 14203 716-856-0024 Fax: 716-856-6537 dans@dslawfirm.com | \$200 (M) \$175 (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insurance • Product Liability • Tort | Buffalo Rochester |
| James W. Smyton 1972 | Phillips Lytle LLP One Canalside 125 Main Street Buffalo, NY 14203 716- 847- 5466 Fax :716- 852- 6100 jsmyton@phillipslytle.com | \$225 (M) \$175 (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial/Corp. • ERISA • Intellectual Property | Buffalo Rochester |
| Jeffrey Allan Spencer 1974 | 291 Northwood Drive Town of Tonawanda, New York P.O. Buffalo 14223 jaspencer7@gmail.com Tel: (land line) 716 - 874-9590 Tel: (cell) 716 -880-4024 | \$200 (M) \$100 (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Law • Commercial Law • Personal Injury • General Civil Litigation | Buffalo |
| Sharon Stern Gerstman 1975 | 14 Lafayette Square – Suite 1100 Buffalo, New York 14203 716-856-3500 Fax: 716-856-3390 sgerstman@magavern.com | \$300 (M) \$300 (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Litigation • Commercial • Tort/Product Liability • Contract | Buffalo Rochester |
| Steven R. Sugarman 1985 | Pusatier Sherman Abbott & Sugarman 2464 Elmwood Avenue Kenmore, NY 14217 716-873-6765 Fax: 716-873-7709 ssugarman@psasattorneys.com | \$250 (M) \$250 (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial • Employment • Family Law | Buffalo |
| Kathleen M. Sweet 1991 | Gibson McAskill & Crosby, LLP 69 Delaware Ave., Suite 900 Buffalo, NY 14202 716-856-4200 Fax: 716-856-4013 ksweet@gmclaw.com | \$250 (M) \$250 (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health • Medical Malpractice | Buffalo |
| Mark R. Uba 1993 | 65 Lamarck Drive Amherst, NY 14226 716-839-3100 Fax: 716-634-8388 mru@ubalaw.com | \$200 (M) \$200 (P) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial • Contract • Health | Buffalo Rochester |

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| <p>Surinder K. Virk</p> <p>2001</p> | <p>Ghuman Virk & Virk, P.C. 300 International Drive Suite 100 Williamsville, N.Y. 14221 Office Tel: (716) 650-4169; (213) 596-0891 Toll Free: 1-877-230-9749 Fax: 1-877-235-4699 Cell: (716) 909-9817</p> | <p>\$200 (M)</p> <p>\$150 (P)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Care Law and Tort • Medical Malpractice • Employment Law • Corporate Law • Intellectual Property incl. Patent | <p>Buffalo Rochester</p> |
| <p>Thomas S. Wiswall</p> <p>1975</p> | <p>Phillips Lytle LLP One Canalside 125 Main Street Buffalo, NY 14203 716-847-8400 Fax: 716-852-6100 twiswall@phillipslytle.com</p> | <p>\$200 (M)</p> <p>\$175 (P)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial • Product Liability • Tort | <p>Buffalo</p> |
| <p>Benjamin M. Zuffranieri, Jr.</p> <p>1984</p> | <p>Hodgson Russ LLP 140 Pearl Street Buffalo, New York 14202 bzuffran@hodgsonruss.com Telephone: 716.856.4000 Fax: 716.819.4609</p> | <p>\$300 (M)</p> <p>\$300 (P)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial Law • Construction Law • International Law • Business Dissolution • Contract Disputes • Medical Device Litigation | <p>Buffalo</p> |