

**MELINDA G. GORDON, ESQ.**  
30 Station Road, Irvington, New York 10533  
Telephone: 917-968-2625  
email: [mgordonArb@aol.com](mailto:mgordonArb@aol.com)

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **ARBITRATOR & MEDIATOR 2013 to the present**

#### **Panels and Rosters:**

American Arbitration Association, Labor Panel  
American Arbitration Association, Storm Sandy New York Mediator  
Arbitrator and Mediator, Part 137, Fee Dispute Resolution Program

### **SENIOR COUNSEL 1993-2013**

#### **NEW YORK STATE UNITED TEACHERS, AFT, NEA, AFL-CIO**

Responsible for representation of unions and employees in private and public sector on labor, education, civil service, constitutional and employment law cases in federal court, state court, administrative agencies, arbitral forums and at trial and appellate level. Advise members, staff, and union officers, including officers of the United Federations of Teachers ("UFT") on education and labor and employment issues; including discipline, seniority, arbitration, defamation, duty of fair representation, strikes, discrimination, and constitutional issues, FOIL, ADA, HIPPA, and FMLA.

### **LABOR RELATIONS REPRESENTATIVE 1990-1993**

#### **NEW YORK STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION**

Chief Negotiator of collective bargaining agreements on behalf of Registered Nurses employed at major New York City Hospitals. Advised and represented Registered Nurses on labor, employment and health care matters including medical and pension benefits, enforceability of contract provisions and health and safety issues.

### **STAFF ATTORNEY 1986-1990**

#### **LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF NEW YORK CITY**

Representation of indigent defendants accused of criminal offenses from arraignment through trial, including grand jury presentations, hearings, bench and jury trials. Representation of indigent defendants in administrative forums such as parole revocation hearings.

## **EDUCATION**

BENJAMIN N. CARDOZO SCHOOL OF LAW, JD 1986  
RUTGERS COLLEGE, RUTGERS UNIVERSITY, B.A. 1983  
Second Major in Labor Studies 1983  
AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION, 2012 HIGGINBOTHAM FELLOW

## ***BAR ADMISSIONS***

States of New York and New Jersey; U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York; United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit

## ***DISPUTE RESOLUTION***

American Arbitration Association, 2012 Higginbotham Fellowship in ADR

FMCS, Becoming a Labor Arbitrator

American Arbitration Association Disaster Mediation Training

American Arbitration Association Arbitration and Mediation Training

Win-Win Negotiation Training

New York State Bar Association Commercial Mediation Training

Cardozo Law School, Guest Lecturer: ADR in the Workplace classes

Co-chair NYC LERA meeting “Arbitration: the Good, the Bad and the Ugly”

## ***PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS***

Labor Employment Relations Association, Vice President, New York City Chapter

NYS Bar Association, Labor and Employment Section, ADR Committee

NYS Bar Association, Dispute Resolution Section, Arbitration Competition Committee

American Bar Association, Labor and Employment Section, ADR Section

New York City Bar Association, ADR Committee