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*My years of experience on the bench and in private practice have demonstrated the importance of fully understanding personalities and how relevant facts and applicable law impacts the ability to help resolve business and family law disputes.*

Judge Kessler focuses his practice on resolving commercial and family law disputes through mediation and arbitration as an alternative to traditional litigation. His experience as a judge of the equity court enables him to deal with business disputes encompassing a broad range of matters, including those related to contracts, real property, construction, employment, unfair competition, intellectual property, corporate and LLC issues, and consumer fraud. In the area of family law, Judge Kessler's experience encompasses issues related to alimony, child support, custody, equitable distribution, relocation, domestic violence and reimbursement of counsel fees. His ability to guide parties and their counsel towards achieving a reasonable resolution of their issues can help them save both time and money. Judge Kessler is also available to provide discovery master services and consultation on case management, development of discovery, trial strategy and review of briefs.

In 2019, Judge Kessler retired from the New Jersey Judiciary following ten years in the New Jersey Superior Court, Essex County Vicinage. During this time, he conducted numerous trials and heard a wide variety of matters in both the Chancery and Family Divisions. In addition, he was frequently asked to lecture before bar and judicial groups on a wide variety of topics related to his areas of expertise, and was also called upon to address new judges and the New Jersey Judicial College on...
issues related to promoting fairness in the courtroom.

Prior to his time on the bench, Judge Kessler spent 35 years in private practice, concentrating on complex litigation and business counseling. He represented clients in matters involving breach and enforcement of contracts, construction, business dissolution, enforcement of restrictive covenants, securities fraud, antitrust disputes, corporate theft and business fraud cases. He also represented individuals in complex divorce cases.

HONORS & AWARDS

- Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rated AV® Preeminent (a trademark of Internet Brands, Inc.) (1988 – present)
- Fellow, American Bar Foundation
- Member, Phi Beta Kappa Society
- Root-Tilden Scholar, NYU School of Law

A description of the standard or methodology on which the accolades are based can be found HERE. No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

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- Member, New Jersey State Bar Association: Family Law Section; Business Law Section
- Vice Chair, New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Complementary Dispute Resolution
- Member, New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Women in the Courts; co-Chair, subcommittee on judicial education
- Member, Essex County Bar Association
- Former member, New Jersey Supreme Court Family Practice Committee; former co-Chair, subcommittee on domestic violence and non-dissolution matters
- Former Chairman and member, New Jersey Board of Bar Examiners
- Former member, Board of Trustees, Boys and Girls Clubs of Newark

MORE ACTIVITIES & EXPERIENCE

- Member, American Bar Association
- Served as corporate counsel to Chilton Memorial Hospital in Pompton Plains, NJ for over 25 years
PRESENTATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Panelist, Dealing with LLC Disputes 2019
Sponsor: New Jersey State Bar Association, May 16, 2019

Panelist, When and How to Use Experts in Family Law Cases
Sponsor: New Jersey State Bar Association, May 16, 2019

Presenter, Is Justice Blind?
Sponsor: New Jersey Judicial College, November 19, 2018

Panelist, Avoiding and Dealing with LLC Disputes
Sponsor: New Jersey State Bar Association, May 17, 2018

Panelist, Valuing Closely Held Businesses
Sponsor: New Jersey State Bar Association, May 17, 2018

Panelist, Hot Tips in Family Law
Sponsor: New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education, November 10, 2017

Panelist, Family Law Matters Involving LGBT Litigants
Sponsor: New Jersey State Bar Association, May 18, 2017

Panelist, Valuing Closely Held Businesses
Sponsor: New Jersey State Bar Association, May 18, 2017

Presenter, Orders to Show Cause and Temporary Restraints
Sponsor: New Jersey Judicial College, April 5, 2017

Presenter, Valuing Closely Held Businesses
Sponsor: New Jersey Judicial College, November 21, 2016

Presenter, Black Lives Matter: Historical and Legal Perspectives
Sponsor: New Jersey Judicial College, November 21, 2016

Presenter, Promoting Fairness: Diversity/Sexual Harassment/ADA Issues

Panelist, Valuation Issues in Chancery Matters
Sponsor: New Jersey State Bar Association, May 19, 2016

Panelist, Overcoming Legal and Valuation Issues in Chancery, Business and Family Proceedings
Sponsor: New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education, December 1, 2015

Presenter, Bias Involving LGBT Litigants and Attorneys
Panelist, May It Please (the Family) Court - A view of Family Law & Issues from the Bench
Sponsor: New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education, September 12, 2015

Presenter, Promoting Fairness: Diversity/Sexual Harassment/ADA Issues
September 11, 2015

Panelist, Family Law Matters Involving LGBT Litigants

Presenter, Understanding Micro-Aggression
Sponsor: New Jersey Judicial College, November 25, 2014

Speaker, Troubled Children in the Family Part
Sponsor: New Jersey Judicial College, November 24, 2014

Panelist, Les Enfants Terrible - Troubled Children in Family Part
Sponsor: New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education, November 5, 2014

Presenter, Promoting Fairness: Diversity/Sexual Harassment/ADA Issues
Sponsor: New Jersey Judicial College, September 12, 2014

Panelist, Family Law Summer Institute 2014
Sponsor: New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education, July 30, 2014

Panelist, Family Law Bench Bar Conference

Panelist, Matrimonial Early Settlement Panel - Training
Sponsor: New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education, April 12, 2014

Panelist, The Pig Bowl - Interactive Hot Topics in Family Law
Sponsor: New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education, March 29, 2014

Presenter, Prison Tour
Sponsor: New Jersey Judicial College, March 18, 2014

Panelist, Matrimonial Early Settlement Panel - Training

Presenter, Recognizing & Addressing LGBT Bias and Its Effect
Sponsor: New Jersey Judicial College, November 26, 2013

Presenter, Promoting Fairness: Diversity/Sexual Harassment/ADA Issues
Sponsor: New Jersey Judicial College, October 3, 2013
Panelist, Recognizing and Addressing Gender Bias
Sponsor: New Jersey State Bar Association, May 16, 2013

Panelist, Friday Night Flights

Panelist, Winning and Losing in Relocation

Panelist, Understanding Parental Alienation in Custody Cases
Sponsor: New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education, April 6, 2013

Presenter, How to Avoid Jeopardy Through Mentoring in Family Court
Sponsor: New Jersey Judicial College, November 20, 2012

Presenter, Promoting Fairness: Diversity/Sexual Harrassment/ADA Issues
Sponsor: New Jersey Judicial College, September 12, 2012

Panelist, 2012 Family Law Retreat - Settlement Techniques

Presenter, Promoting Fairness: Diversity/Sexual Harrassment/ADA Issues
Sponsor: New Jersey Judicial College, September 14, 2011

Panelist, Family Bench Bar - Best Practices

Panelist, Incivility & Gender Bias - Words & Perceptions
Sponsor: New Jersey State Bar Association, May 19, 2011

Panelist, Removal In Family Law Cases

Panelist, Other Ways to Skin a Cat
Sponsor: New Jersey State Bar Association, November 6, 2010

Panelist, Divorce and the Special Needs Child
Sponsor: New Jersey State Bar Association, May 19, 2010

Panelist, Interstate & International Custody Disputes
Sponsor: New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education, April 10, 2010