

**KRISTA GOTTLIEB, ESQ.**

***PROFESSIONAL BIOGRAPHY***

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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**KRISTA GOTTLIEB, ESQ. ADR CENTER & LAW OFFICE** - Buffalo, NY 2014-Present

Bringing all perspectives to the issue resolution table as a litigator, practicing neutral, mediator and arbitrator, presenter, trainer and problem solver. Private practice focused on customized solutions to each conflict through all varieties of processes.

**MATTAR, D'AGOSTINO & GOTTLIEB, LLP** - Buffalo, NY 1986-2013

Managing partner in full service general practice firm. Emphasis on wide ranging civil, employment, consumer, contractual, corporate and commercial negotiation, mediation, arbitration and all aspects of litigation, enforcement and resolution. Counseling and consulting on cost effective problem solving strategies, dispute avoidance and resolution, in and outside of litigation. Intensive Neutral Practice, particularly mediation.

**MORITT, WOLFELD & RESNICK** - Garden City, NY 1983-1985

General civil practice, notably in corporate, commercial and employment related fields. From pre-formation, through varied business transactions, to substantial state and federal litigation, private and public offerings, selected securities work, contracts, real estate and bankruptcy.

**REICH, ROSEN, BARRISON & FELZEN** - New York, NY 1982-1983

Civil practice with concentration on litigation, contracts, real estate, corporate and commercial matters.

**FISHER & FISHER** - Brooklyn, NY 1979-1982

General civil, trial and appellate practice before courts, administrative agencies and in arbitration with firm headed by the leader of the Brooklyn Democratic Organization and former Chairman of the NYC Metropolitan Transportation Authority and Urban Development Corporation with related experience.

**BALLON, STOLL & ITZLER** - New York, NY Summers 1977 & 1978

General practice and bankruptcy.

**PROBATE COURT & PRIVATE PRACTITIONERS** - Portland, ME - Summer 1975

Assistant at probate court. Independent legal researcher for private firms and practitioners.

**ACADEMIC BACKGROUND**

ALBANY LAW SCHOOL - Juris Doctor, 1979

Honors: Moot Court Semi-finalist; Law Review Candidate; Conference Coordinator for International Law Symposium; Assistant to editor of "Practitioner's Handbook"

BARNARD COLLEGE - B.A., 1976, Political Science - International Relations and Law

Honors: Cum Laude; Dean's List 1974-1976

**ADR TRAINING TAKEN**

Over 300+/- hours of training taken from 1995 to present. Details available upon request.

## **ADR TRAINING, PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS GIVEN**

April 21, 2015	<i>ADR in the Commercial Division</i> - Presenter on new Program in 8 <sup>th</sup> JD
November 12, 2014	<i>Use of Mediation in Elder Law Issues</i> - Legal Services for the Elderly Presenter
October 20, 2014	<i>If You Build it They Will Come - Court Annexed Programs</i> - NYC NYSBA Presenter
May 8, 2014	<i>Use of Mediation in Elder Law</i> - ECBA Presenter and Panel Member
April 28, 2014	<i>Ethics in Mediation</i> - ECBA Presenter
March 9, 2014	<i>ADR Clauses and Strategic Use of Mediation</i> - UB Law Symposium - 2 day
January 30, 2014	<i>Difficult Ethical Issues for Neutrals</i> - NYSBA Annual Meeting - Presenter
October 13, 2013	<i>Mediation: Value Added for Elder Law</i> - ECBA Committee Presentation
February 15, 2013	<i>Effective Mediation &amp; Arbitration Advocacy</i> - NYSBA & ECBA Symposium
March 29, 2012	NY & Canada Legal Summit <i>Commercial Cross Border Mediation &amp; Arbitration</i>
June 9, 2011	<i>Secrets of Successful Advocates in Mediation</i> - ECBA Panel Member
June 23, 2010	<i>Winning Arbitration: Tips, Tools &amp; Techniques</i> - ECBA Presentation
March 16, 2010	<i>ADR Options &amp; Their Differences</i> - WNY Paralegal's Association
April 21, 2009	<i>Lawyers Look at Mediation</i> - ECBA Noonday Presenter
April 17, 2009	Local Component of WDNY Mediator Training - Panel Presenter
February 3, 2009	<i>Employment Law Update in NY Mediation</i> - Sterling Education Services
January 21, 2009	<i>Mediation: Let's Make a Deal</i> - ECBA & 8 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District Program
June 27, 2008	<i>How to Optimize Mediation in your Employment Case</i> - ECBA Labor Law
October 19&20, 2006	<i>Advanced Mediation &amp; Advocacy Skills Training</i> - ABA conf - Toronto
May 13, 2006	<i>Mediation - a BETTER way!</i> "Law Line" WNED guest speaker
April 26, 2006	Guest lecturer on "Settlement" - Judge Foschio - Federal Pre-Trial Class
February 24, 2006	"Coach" for Center for Resolution & Justice basic Mediation Training
June 11, 2005	Hands on Training Component of <i>ADR: It's Time Has Come</i> - ECBA
2001- 2006	Drafting & Creation of ADR Program for the Western District of NY Fed Ct
June 11, 2005	<i>ADR: Its time has come - ADR in the Courts and Your Practice</i>
October 1, 2003	ADR Guest Lecturer SUNY School of Architecture and Planning
March 21, 2003	<i>Mediation Can Lead To Win Win Situations</i> - Business First & Buffalo Law Journal
March 15, 2003	<i>Developments in ADR - Locally &amp; Globally</i> - Employment Symposium - ECBA
January 30, 2003	<i>ADR: Resolving Problems Efficiently and Effectively in NY</i> - Lorman
October 23, 2002	<i>Buffalo Niagara Mediation Open Forum</i> - Public Forum on ADR
August 18, 2001	<i>Mind over Myth</i> - Ch. 7 TV show about ADR with Eileen Fleischmann
June 1, 2001 +	Trainer for NY State 8 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District Commercial Division
1999 - 2001	<u>25 hour Basic Mediation Training</u> for 26 litigators and a Judge
1998 - 2002	Co-teaching Mediation I & II classes & <u>25 hour basic Mediation Training</u>
February 14, 2001	Cornell University School of Industrial & Labor Relations - Western Region
December 12, 2000	Co-Chairperson of ADR Committee of the Erie County Bar Association
May 9, 2000	<i>ADR in Your Back Yard: Overview of Local ADR Programs</i> - Moderator /Organizer
March 14, 2000	<i>Q &amp; A on ADR at EEOC &amp; DHR</i> - to ECBA Labor Law Committee
February 5, 2000	<i>Avoid Confrontation - Consider Mediation"</i>
2000 - Present	Workshop Kenmore Schools Staff Developmental Center
1998 - Present	<i>Employment Law / Diversity Training / ADR Options</i>
	Training for Buffalo & Fort Erie Public (Peace) Bridge Authority
	<i>Commercial Litigation and the Role of ADR</i> - ECBA
	Judge / Mediator / Coach / Advisor in ABA Intramural Mediation Competition
	Guest Lecturer-UB Law School-Employment, Civil & Commercial Mediation

## **ADR TRAINING, PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS GIVEN** - Continued

Fall 1999	Drafting and implementation of 8th Judicial District Commercial Division Mediation Program & Panel
April 24, 1999	<i>War &amp; Peace: The Business of Conflict Resolution in the New Millennium</i> - ECBA
February 27, 1999	<i>ADR: You Don't Always Have To Tell It To The Judge</i> - "Law Line" Guest
Fall 1996 - 1998	Participant in creation of Erie County/8th Judicial District ADR Pilot Project
1995 - 1997	Co-Chair of Mediation Subcommittee of ADR Committee of the ECBA
October 30, 1996	<i>ADR: Perhaps a Better Way to Resolve Your Disputes</i> - People's Law School
May, 1996	<i>Mediation for the General Practitioner</i> - Published in the "Bar Bulletin"
June 12, 1996	<i>Attorney's Role in ADR</i> - ECBA Noonday Presentation - Lecturer
January 19, 1996	Participant at Hearings on ADR Court Project
November 9, 1995	People's Law School ADR Program - Presenter
October, 1995	Mediator for "Settlement Week" for USDC for the Western District of NY
June 16, 1995	<i>Pre and Post Dispute ADR Alternatives</i> - ECBA - Lecturer

## **PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS**

<b><u>Honors:</u></b>	"Western NY Legal Elite" - Neutral - Mediation - Arbitration - 2013 - Present
	National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals - 2012 to Present
	"Who's Who in Law" Mediation/ADR - Buffalo Law Journal & Business First 2007 - Present
	"Best Lawyers" in the New York Area - NY Magazine 2007 - Present - Mediation/ADR
	"Super Lawyers" - ADR - Mediation - Arbitration - 2011 - Present
	America's Most Honored Professionals - 2011 - Present
	"Best Lawyers" in America 2004 - Present - Including ADR - one of 4 in Buffalo
	Who is Who in American Lawyers 1990 - Present.
	United Who is Who - Empowering Executives & Professionals 2005 - Present.
	Marquis Who's Who - 2004 - Present
	Madison Who's Who - 2005 - Present
	Who's Who in American Women - 2005 - Present
	Who's Who Among Executive and Professional Women - 2008 - Present

<b><u>Admitted:</u></b>	New York State Bar; United States District Courts for the Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Districts of New York; United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit; <i>Pro Hac Vice</i> Admissions.
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## **ADR PANELS MEMBERSHIP - Arbitration & Mediation**

WDNY	-	USDC Western District of NY - Certified Court Mediator (2005 Inception - Present)
NY COURT	-	Eighth Judicial District ADR Panel (1996 Inception - Present)
		Eighth Judicial District Commercial Division Panel (2001 Inception - Present)
		Eighth Judicial District Fee Dispute Resolution / Arbitration Panel (1996 - Present)
AAA	-	American Arbitration Association (1990 - Present)
FINRA	-	Formerly NASD - Securities Industry Mediation and Arbitration (2003 - Present)
EEOC	-	Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (1998 Inception - Present)
RS, LLC	-	Resolute Systems, LLC - Business and Employment Panel (2013 - Present)
DHR	-	NY State Division of Human Rights (1999 Inception - Present)
MWI	-	Mediation Works Incorporated - Employment Panel
ECBA	-	Erie County Bar Association Mediation & Arbitration Panels (1995 - Present)
BBB	-	Better Business Bureau of Western NY Commercial Panel (1996 - Present)
CDR	-	Community Dispute Resolution & Family Court Panel (1996 - 2003)
USPS	-	US Postal Service <i>Redress</i> Mediation Program (1998 - 2001)

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Association for Conflict Resolution (Inception - Present); American Bar Association (ABA); New York State Bar Association - Dispute Resolution Section; Erie County Bar Association, former Co-Chair of Mediation Subcommittee (1995-1998), Co-Chair of the ADR Committee (1998-2002); Co-Chair of the ADR Committee's WDNY ADR Program development subcommittee (2002-Present) and 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District ADR program subcommittee (2003-Present); New York State Dispute Resolution Association, Inc. (NYSDRA 1995-Present); Western New York Association for Divorce and Family Mediators (1995-2000); Women's Bar Association; National Association for Female Executives; Ask-Women; American Association of University Women; Judges and Lawyers Breast Cancer Alert.

## **PERSONAL**

Born: Prague, Czechoslovakia  
U.S. Citizen - Bilingual