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*In my practice area – mediation, arbitration, and discovery management – I never have to look long and hard, or ask where litigants disagree, as that jumps off the page. My goal is finding areas of commonality, and then, hopefully, crafting a resolution that provides both sides with a balanced result, and one with certainty and finality as well.*

Judge Berman serves as a mediator, arbitrator and discovery master in commercial, probate, employment, real estate and personal injury matters. He brings to the firm a wealth of expertise garnered from over 20 years of service to New Jersey's Judiciary. Following a 17 year career in private practice, he served in the Superior Court of Middlesex County from 1989 to 1998, where he presided over matters ranging from prerogative writs to capital murder. He was appointed Prosecutor for Middlesex County in 1998, appearing before the New Jersey Supreme Court and trying numerous jury cases during his tenure. In 2002, he returned to the Middlesex County bench, serving as Presiding Judge of the Family Part from 2003 to 2008. Prior to his retirement on January 1, 2013, Judge Berman served as one of two judges assigned to the Chancery Part - General Equity, where he presided over probate, foreclosure, and complex commercial disputes. During this time, he was also designated as Acting Criminal Part Presiding Judge and Acting Assignment Judge. Judge Berman was specially designated to preside over New Jersey's 2012 landmark cyberbullying case, *State of New Jersey v. Dharun Ravi*.

An American Arbitration Association trained arbitrator, Judge Berman sits on the AAA's Employment and Commercial Panels.

### Departments

Litigation

### Practice Groups

Alternative Dispute Resolution

### Education

Case Western Reserve Law School, J.D., 1972

Gettysburg College, B.A., with honors, 1969

### Bar Admissions

New Jersey, 1972

U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey, 1972

U.S. Supreme Court, 1978

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## **HONORS & AWARDS**

- American Bar Foundation Fellow
- Recipient of the Middlesex County Bar Association Robert J. Cirafesi Chancery Practice Award (2023)
- Recipient of the Middlesex County Bar Association Arthur H. Miller Lawyer Achievement Award (2015)
- Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Rated AV® Preeminent (a trademark of Internet Brands, Inc.)

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## **REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS**

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Judge Berman has authored published opinions encompassing all four divisions of the New Jersey Superior Court; General Equity, Family, Civil and Criminal:

### **Chancery-General Equity**

- *Bank of New York Mellon v. George S. Elghossain and Mona C. Elghossain*, 419 N.J. Super. 336 (2010)
- *UPS Capital Business Credit v. Kenneth J. Abbey, Washington Mutual Bank, FA and American Express Travel Related Services Company, Inc.*, 408 N.J. Super. 524 (2009)

### **Civil Division-Law**

- *South Brunswick Associates v. Township of Monroe*, 285 N.J. Super. 377 (1994)
- *Diocese of Metuchen v. Township of Piscataway*, 252 N.J. Super. 525 (1991)

### **Chancery Division-Family Part**

- *In the Matter of Ashley Meng*, 376 N.J. Super. 641 (2004)
- *DiBella V. DiBella*, 372 N.J. Super. 350 (2004)
- *Paulino v. Ramirez*, 311 N.J. Super. 420 (1998)
- *Pasternak v. Pasternak*, 310 N.J. Super. 483 (1997)
- *Siegel v. Siegel*, 243 N.J. Super. 211 (1990)
- *Siegel v. Siegel*, 241 N.J. Super. 12 (1990)

- *Prikril v. Prikril*, 236 N.J. Super. 49 (1989)

#### Criminal Division

- *In the Matter of Application of R.C. for Expungement*, 292 N.J. Super. 151 (1996)
- *State of New Jersey v. Pittman*, 282 N.J. Super. 349 (1994)
- *State of New Jersey v. Dylag*, 267 N.J. Super. 348 (1993)
- *State of New Jersey v. Parkins*, 263 N.J. Super. 423 (1993)
- *State of New Jersey v. McCoy*, 261 N.J. Super. 202 (1992)
- *State of New Jersey v. Jersey Carting, Inc.*, 259 N.J. Super. 130 (1992)

#### UNIQUELY NJ

- New Jersey State Bar Association: Family Law Section Executive Committee; Equity Jurisprudence Special Committee; Amicus Committee; Business Law Section; Business and Commercial Litigation Special Committee
- New Jersey Supreme Court: Family Practice Committee (2019-2021, 2021-2023); Committee on Women in the Courts, Conference of Family Part Presiding Judges, Conference of General Equity Judges, and Conference of Criminal Part Presiding Judges, past Member
- Middlesex County Bar Association (past Trustee)
- Middlesex County Bar Foundation (past Trustee)
- Middlesex County Trial Lawyers Association
- Aldona E. Appleton Family Law American Inn of Court (Former Master)
- Jewish Bar Association of New Jersey
- New Jersey Supreme Court District VIII Fee Arbitration Committee (Middlesex County) (past Member)
- New Jersey Supreme Court District VIII Ethics Committee (Middlesex County) (past Member)
- Townships of Old Bridge (1982-83), Monroe (1984-87) and East Brunswick (1986-87): Municipal Prosecutor
- Boroughs of Helmetta (1980-85) and South River (1973-74): Zoning Board of Adjustment Counsel
- Townships of Monroe (1987) and Old Bridge (1988-89): Director of Law
- Township of South Brunswick: Special Counsel (1984)
- Borough of South River: Councilman (1976-81) and Council President (1980)
- Halpern-Furman Inn of Court, Somerset and Middlesex Counties (past President)

## MORE ACTIVITIES & EXPERIENCE

- American Arbitration Association: Commercial and Employment Arbitration Panels
- Former host of "The Law Matters," part of the Sound Advice program series on 1450 AM WCTC Talk Radio
- Interviewed by WCTC Radio on the subject of NJ Child Support Reform on February 29, 2016.
- While attending law school, member of the Editorial Board of the *Case Western Reserve Law Review*

## PRESENTATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Speaker, 2025 ADR Day – Proven Strategies to Get Better Results in Mediation and Settlement  
Sponsor: *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, November 6, 2025

Panelist, 2025 Jeffrey P. Weinstein Family Law Institute  
Sponsor: *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, July 23, 2025

Faculty, 2024 Bankruptcy and Restructuring Forum  
Sponsor: *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, September 27, 2024

Faculty, 2024 Jeffrey P. Weinstein Family Law Institute  
Sponsor: *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, September 24-25, 2024

Presenter, Gen X Divorce: Legal Insights and Strategies  
Sponsor: *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, August 26, 2024

Panelist, Dead Shopping Centers and How to Revive Them  
Sponsor: *New Jersey State Bar Association*, May 16, 2024

Speaker, 2022 Family Law Summer Institute  
Sponsor: *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, 7.26-27.22

Panelist, 2022 Legal Malpractice Update  
Sponsor: *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, March 26, 2022

Panelist, Hot Tips in Family Law: What I Wish I Knew When I Was Starting Out  
Sponsor: *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, November 11, 2021

Panelist, Dispute Resolution and its Many Features – Limitless Possibilities for the 21st Century A Celebration of the Entire ADR Community  
Sponsor: *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, September 30, 2021

Panelist, 2021 Family Law Summer Institute  
Sponsor: *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, July 27, 2021

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Speaker, 2020 Family Law Summer Institute

Sponsor: *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, July 21-22, 2020

Panelist, Everything You Wanted to Know About Arbitration

Sponsor: *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, February 18, 2020

Speaker, Hot Tips in Family Law

Sponsor: *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, November 11, 2019

Speaker, Divorce after 50: Shades of Gray

Sponsor: *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, November 2, 2019

Panelist, Recent Developments in Professional Responsibility and Ethics

Sponsor: *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, October 10, 2019

Speaker, Civility and Professionalism in the Practice of Law: A View from the Bench

Sponsor: *New Jersey Attorney General's Advocacy Institute*, July 18, 2019

Moderator and Speaker, Perspectives on Arbitration

Sponsor: *NJSBA 2018 Annual Meeting and Convention*, May 17, 2018

Panelist, Contracts That Get the Job Done

Sponsor: *New Jersey State Bar Association*, March 27, 2018

Speaker, Cyberbullying and Suicide at Rutgers: The Dharun Ravi and Tyler Clementi Story with Judge Berman Who Presided Over the Trial

Sponsor: *Under Oath Podcast*, March 21, 2018

Speaker, Injunctions from Bergen County to Boardwalk

Sponsor: *New Jersey State Bar Association Annual Meeting*, May 2016

Moderator, Arbitrating Business Disputes

Sponsor: *New Jersey State Bar Association Annual Meeting*, May 2016

Host Conversationalist, Great Conversations

Sponsor: *Morris Arts*, April 21, 2016

Speaker, Tools of the Trade: The Top Procedural Devices for Trial Lawyers - Strategies that Get Results

Sponsor: *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, August 27, 2015

Panelist, 2015 Family Law Summer Institute

Sponsor: *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, July 28-29, 2015

Panelist, Getting to 'Yes' in Mediation – and Staying There!

Sponsor: *The New Jersey State Bar Association Annual Meeting*, May 2015

Faculty Member, Handling the Media in Cases with Notoriety: A Lawyer's Guide

Sponsor: *C. Willard Heckel Inn of Court and Rutgers Institute for Professional Education*, October 28, 2014

Featured Speaker, Pivotal Issues in Equitable Distribution

Sponsor: *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education presented in cooperation with the NJSBA Family Law Section*, October 25, 2014

Panelist, Tools of the Trade: Procedural Devices Available to the Trial Lawyer

Sponsor: *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, August 21, 2014

Panelist, Handling the High Profile Case

Sponsor: *New Jersey State Bar Association's Annual Meeting*, May 17, 2014

Presentation to graduating law school-bound students on "Constitutional Law and Statutory Construction"

Sponsor: *Gettysburg College*, March 22, 2014

Speaker, Hearsay: Admissible or Inadmissible

Sponsor: *Middlesex County Bar Association*, March 13, 2014

Constitutional Law Class

Sponsor: *Monroe Township High School*, March 10, 2014

Panelist, A Review of the 2013 Family Law Opinions

Sponsor: *Middlesex-Union-Somerset County Bar Associations*, February 20, 2014

Speaker, Handling High Profile Cases

Sponsor: *Haydn Proctor Inn of Court in the Monmouth County Vicinage*, February 12, 2014

Panelist, Advanced Evidence Issues for Family Lawyers

Sponsor: *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education in cooperation with the NJ Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers*, October 19, 2013

Speaker, Ethical Considerations for Trial & Transactional Attorneys

Sponsor: *Middlesex County Bar Association*, May 22, 2013

Speaker, *State v Ravi* and The Issue of Cyberbullying

Sponsor: *Monroe Township High School Constitutional Law Class*, May 21, 2013

Moderator/Presenter, Handling the High Profile Case

Sponsor: *New Jersey State Bar Association Annual Meeting*, May 2013

Speaker, Annual Dinner

Sponsor: *American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers'*, May 2013

Speaker, Trial Tactics

Sponsor: *Trial Attorneys of New Jersey*, April 25, 2013

Speaker, Cyberbullying in America: A Discussion of Liability, Policy, and Progress

Sponsor: *Rutgers School of Law - Newark*, April 24, 2013

Panelist, New Technologies & Invasion of Privacy

Sponsor: *New Jersey Association for Justice Boardwalk Seminar*, April 19, 2013

Panelist, Negotiating & Mediation Strategies

Sponsor: *New Jersey Association for Justice Boardwalk Seminar*, April 18, 2013

Presenter, Fourth Annual Solo & Small-Firm Conference

Sponsor: *New Jersey State Bar Association*, March 2013

Presenter, 2013 School Law Conference

Sponsor: *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, February 27, 2013

Panelist, Abraham Lincoln - 15 Captivating Stories From His Legal Practice, and the Lessons They Can Teach Us Today

Sponsor: *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, February 18, 2013

Panelist, Demystifying Chancery Practice

Sponsor: *General Equity Section of the Burlington County Bar Association*, January 31, 2013

## PUBLICATIONS & ALERTS

Co-Author, The Federal Arbitration Act Might Preempt the New Jersey Legislature's Recent Attempt to Control Infinite Arbitration Clauses

*New Jersey Law Journal*, September 12, 2025

Contributor, *New Jersey Arbitration Handbook*

*ALM / New Jersey Law Journal Books*, 2025

Co-Author, The Doctrine of Equitable Subrogation: Should Actual Knowledge Bar Its Application?

*New Jersey Lawyer Magazine*, April 2014

## NEWS

The Hon. Glenn Berman (Ret.) Contributes to 2025 Edition of New Jersey Arbitration Handbook

May 21, 2025

The Hon. Glenn Berman (Ret.) Honored at NJSBA Annual Meeting

May 13, 2025

The Hon. Glenn Berman (Ret.) MCBA Robert J. Cirafesi Chancery Practice Award Recipient

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February 10, 2023