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## NJ MEDIATOR

RESOLUTION SERVICES, LLC

NJ MEDIATOR provides a dispute resolution process in which an impartial third party - the mediator - facilitates negotiations among the parties to help them reach a mutually acceptable settlement. Through the Mediator and with the assistance of their attorneys, the parties work towards a solution in which everyone involved is comfortable. Compared to traditional avenues of dispute resolution, NJ MEDIATOR provides the parties an opportunity to avoid significant costs and delays in a forum which is more economical, quicker and less confrontational. Mediation also allows the parties to have greater participation in the process and control over the outcome of their case, as well as enhanced privacy and confidentiality.

John F. Gelson, Esq., the founder of NJ MEDIATOR, is one of the most experienced and successful Mediators in the State of New Jersey. In 1995, he was chosen by the New Jersey Supreme Court to assist in developing an ADR process which offered a viable alternative to the Court System. Since that time, his practice has been primarily devoted to serving as a Mediator and Arbitrator in Civil matters and as a Court-Appointed Receiver and Discovery Master. In addition to serving as a Mediator in employment disputes, contract and personal injury matters, he is one of the few Mediators in the State with extensive experience in mediating and arbitrating complex construction disputes. He has mediated over 800 cases, approximately 85% to settlement.

He has been named in New Jersey Monthly magazine as one of the top Mediators in the State in the field of mediation/arbitration each year from 2005 - 2011. He was recently selected as one of "New York Area's Best Lawyers" by New York Magazine in the field of Alternative Dispute Resolution. In 2010 and 2011 he was selected for inclusion in Best Lawyers in America in the field of Construction and Employment Litigation.



Because of his extensive experience in complex civil litigation and construction matters, Mr. Gelson has the ability to help parties understand the risk and costs of litigation and has the skills to build trust in the mediation process with the participants in an effective and efficient manner. Mr. Gelson comes to a mediation and arbitration thoroughly prepared with a full understanding of the facts, the law and each party's perspective of the case.

In the past two years, Mr. Gelson has resolved and successfully settled many difficult and challenging cases. Some of these include:

1. **CONSTRUCTION (MULTI-PARTY)** - *Bears Nest Condominium Association, Inc. v. Bears Nest Developers, et al.* (Bergen County) settled for \$4,590,000 (May 2011)
2. **CONSTRUCTION (MULTI-PARTY) (Pre-Suit)** - *Princeton Board of Education v. Ernest Bock & Sons, Inc.*, settled for \$4,600,000 (January 2011)
3. **MINORITY SHAREHOLDER DISPUTE** – (Morris County) settled for \$3,000,000 (November 2010)
4. **COMMERCIAL LITIGATION** – (Ocean County) *Manchester Capital, LLC v. PGD Developers, LLC, et al.*, settled for \$1,850,000 (August 2010)
5. **PERSONAL INJURY** – (Middlesex County) *Hanif v. Empire Fire & Marine Insurance Co.*, settled for \$550,000 (August 2010)
6. **FIRE INSURANCE CLAIM** – (Cape May County) *Samax, Inc. v. J. Byrne Agency*, settled for \$1,850,000 (November 2009)
7. **CONSTRUCTION (MULTI-PARTY)** – (Burlington County) *North Hanover Board of Education v. Jersey Coast Construction, Inc.*, settled in excess of \$675,000 (September 2009)