

## **Mediator / Arbitrator Biographies**

**Honorable A. Joseph Antanavage** is of counsel with the Hamburg law firm of Antanavage Farbiarz. He was a judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Berks County from 2014 through 2015. While on the bench he handled many Orphans' Court matters in addition to some family law and civil matters. Prior to his ascending to the bench, he was engaged in the private practice of law for thirty-seven years. His primary practice during that period of time was that of estate planning and administration. However, he also handled varied civil matters and was solicitor for the Hamburg Area School District and the Upper Bern Township Zoning Hearing Board. He is a member and former president of the Berks County Bar Association and has served as chair of its Investment and Dispute Resolution Committees. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, having served as a member of its House of Delegates.

Judge Antanavage is a graduate of the University of Scranton (B.S. 1968 and MBA 1970) and of the South Texas College of Law (1977).

**Daniel E. P. Bausher, Esquire** graduated from Juniata College in 1976 and from Dickinson School of Law in 1979. Since 1979, he has been employed at Stevens & Lee performing civil litigation. He is presently the head of the Personal Injury Trial Group at Stevens & Lee and does both plaintiff and defense personal injury work. He is admitted to practice in all courts in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, including the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. He has lectured on numerous occasions regarding various aspects of Civil Trial Practice. He is a member of the PA Trial Lawyers Association (now known as the PA Association for Justice) and The PA Defense Institute. He is also a member of the Civil Litigation Section and Worker's Compensation of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. In 2007, he became the President of the Berks County Bar Association. In addition, he has been an active member of the Berks County Bar Association through participation in various committees such as the Berks County Civil Rules Committee, Bench-Bar Conference Committee, Worker's Compensation Section and the Berks County Alternative Dispute Resolution Program. He was certified as an approved mediator/arbitrator for the Civil Dispute Resolution Program in December of 1997 and was recertified as a mediator/arbitrator in 2008.

**Barrie B. Gehrlein, Esquire** graduated from Lafayette College in 1984 and cum laude from Widener University School of Law in 1991. Barrie has represented plaintiffs and defendants in motor vehicle liability, premises liability, construction, product liability and commercial liability in Berks County since 1992. She has trial experience in seven Common Pleas Courts and the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. In 2013, she opened the Reading office of Johnson, Duffie, Stewart & Weidner, a general practice law firm based in Harrisburg with a large insurance defense practice handling cases throughout the Commonwealth.

Barrie is a member of the Pennsylvania and Berks County Bar Associations. She chaired the Berks County Compulsory Arbitration Task Force and received the Presidential Award of Merit for her efforts in rewriting the Berks County Rules of Civil Procedure for arbitration. Barrie has served as an arbitration chairman in Berks County since 1994. She has also served on the faculty for seminars presented by the Pennsylvania Bar Institute and the Berks County Bar Association.

**Frederick K. Hatt, Esquire** is engaged in the general practice of law, handling civil matters, including litigation. He provides representation to both Plaintiffs and Defendants. He has served as a mediator and arbitrator since 1988. He accepts appointments as a Neutral Arbitrator in Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist cases, serving on panels since 2000. He serves as an Arbitration Chairman for panels of the Berks County Court of Common Pleas, Court Annexed Arbitration Program. He is an appointed Chairman of Condemnation Boards of Viewers for Berks County. He has also served as a Court appointed Master in Partition Actions. In addition he holds appointments as Solicitor to Municipal governing and zoning Boards.

Mr. Hatt received his law degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. Mr. Hatt's entry into the area of mediation occurred as part of the University of Pennsylvania Law School's clinical program. He has also completed training with the National Academy of Conciliators, and the Mediation Training and Consultation Institute.

Mr. Hatt helped spearhead the prototype mediation and arbitration program sponsored by the Berks County Bar Association, and has received appointments as a mediator and as an arbitrator under the Bar Association's Civil Dispute Resolution Program since 1998. He served as President of the Berks County Bar Association in 2012.

He is a member of the American, Pennsylvania and Berks County Bar Associations' Dispute Resolution Sections, and has presented Pennsylvania Bar Institute programs on Dispute Resolution. He has served on the Council of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Civil Litigation Section, and currently serves on the Pennsylvania Bar Association House of Delegates. He also served on the statewide Alternative Dispute Resolution Task Force established by the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

Mr. Hatt is admitted to practice before all Pennsylvania Courts, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, U. S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court.

**David M. Kozloff, Esquire** has more than forty years of civil litigation experience in state and federal courts, representing both plaintiffs and defendants. He is a member of Kozloff Stoudt, and chairs the firm's litigation section. He is admitted to practice in the courts of Pennsylvania, as well as the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and the Supreme Court of the United States. Mr. Kozloff's trial practice includes serious personal injury and death cases, fire and explosion litigation, commercial disputes and estate and trust litigation. He has argued cases regularly in the Commonwealth Court, Superior Court and Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. He has lectured on civil litigation practice for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute and the Berks County Bar Association. He is certified as a mediator/arbitrator and was an original member of the Alternative Dispute Resolution panel, and is an appointed arbitration chairman in the Court of Common Pleas of Berks County. Mr. Kozloff has been an approved member of the mediation panel of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, as well as serving as a privately engaged neutral.

He is a member and former president (1992) of the Berks County Bar Association, a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association and its Civil Litigation Section, and a former member of the House of Delegates. In addition, he is a member of the American Bar Association and its Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section.

Mr. Kozloff is a graduate of Harvard College (A.B. cum laude, 1963) and the University of Pennsylvania (LL.B. 1966).

**Karen Feryo Longenecker, Esquire** is a Berks County Custody and Support Master and a solo practitioner. She was admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania in 1986; the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania in 1987; the U.S. Tax Court in 1988; the U.S. District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania in 1991; and the United States Supreme Court in 1998. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Scranton (B.A., Cum Laude, 1983) and her law degree at the University of Bridgeport (J.D. 1986). She is a member of the Berks County Bar Association (former Treasurer) and the Pennsylvania Bar Association. She has served as a mediator for the United States Bankruptcy Court of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and is a former member of the Muhlenberg Township Zoning Hearing Board. She has worked as Child Custody and Support Master in Berks County since 2001. In this capacity, she conducts support hearings and custody conciliation conferences. Her private practice is primarily in the areas of Real Estate Law, Estate Planning and Administration, Commercial Law and Debtor and Creditor Rights.

**Elizabeth Magovern, Esquire** is a partner at the law firm of Hartman, Valeriano, Magovern & Lutz. Elizabeth's practice emphasizes municipal law, real estate, zoning and land use. Ms. Magovern serves as Solicitor to numerous Townships, Boroughs, Authorities and Zoning Hearing Boards. She also specializes in civil litigation. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa. Elizabeth graduated from Temple University School of Law, where she earned the distinguished award "Outstanding Trial Advocacy".

Elizabeth currently serves as the co-chair of the Municipal/Real Estate/Environmental Law Section of the Berks County Bar Association. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the Berks County Bar Association and on the Board of Directors of the Berks County Conservancy. She represents several non-profit organizations such as Teachers in the Parks, Berks County Conservancy & St. Francis Home.

**Harry D. McMunigal, Esquire** is the President and CEO of Bingaman, Hess, Coblenz & Bell, P.C., having held that position since 2002. He earned a B.S. Degree in Business Administration from Widener University in 1978 and a Juris Doctor from the Delaware Law School of Widener University in 1983. He is admitted to practice in all Courts in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania including the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. He has significant civil trial experience in personal injury and commercial litigation in numerous Courts of Common Pleas throughout Eastern Pennsylvania, as well as the United States District Court for the Eastern and Middle Districts of Pennsylvania. He has attended Continuing Legal Education Programs in the field of Alternative Dispute Resolution and the standard six hour course conducted through the Berks County ADR Committee. His personal trial practice has been primarily on behalf of defendants in personal injury matters. He has served as Mediator and Arbitrator through the Court of Common Pleas and by private appointment since 1984. He maintains an AV Peer Review Rating with Martindale-Hubbell Attorney Rating Service.

**John J. Miravich, Esquire** is a partner in the national law firm of Fox Rothschild LLP who represents clients in complex litigation matters, including commercial, antitrust, trademark, copyright and construction. His practice also focuses on education law, municipal law and financial issues. He frequently assists clients in contract negotiations, counseling them on litigation avoidance and insurance coverage issues. He has mediated cases in state and federal courts in multiple states and before administrative agencies. Likewise, he has arbitrated commercial, construction and employment matters. John received his J.D. from the Dickinson School of Law at Penn State University, which honored him with its Distinguished Service Award in 2006, and his B.A. from Bloomsburg University. He serves on the Dickinson School of Law's Alumni Board of Directors as the immediate past president. John has held various other leadership roles as well, including co-chairman of the Berks County Bar Association Local Rules Committee; chair of the Greater Reading Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Subcommittee on Public Infrastructure; president of the Saint Thomas More Society, Berks County Chapter; a member of the Board of Directors for the American Red Cross Berks County Chapter; vice president of Exeter Township Fire Commission; past director of the Berks County Bar Association Board of Directors; past president of the Endlich Law Society of Berks County; past chairman of the Greater Reading Chamber of Commerce Municipal Affairs Committee; immediate past president of the Mary's Shelter/Mary's Home of Reading, Pa. Board of Directors; and a member and past president of Legatus, Lehigh Valley Chapter.

**Frederick R. Mogel, Esquire** was awarded a B.A. in Economics in 1977 from Syracuse University and a J.D. in 1980 from Weidner University School of Law (Delaware Campus). Mr. Mogel is active in many local, state, and national Bar Association committees. At the Berks County level, he is a member of the Entertainment (past chair), Bench Bar (past chair), and the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committees and the Family Law Section (past chair). At the Pennsylvania Bar Association level, he is a member of the Real Property, Probate Trust Law, and Family Law Sections, and at the national level, the American Bar Association, he is a member of the section on Family Law.

Mr. Mogel was a past President of the Endlich Law Club as well as the Young Lawyers' Section of the Berks County Bar Association. He was also a former Treasurer and a President of the Berks County Bar Association.

Mr. Mogel concentrates his practice primarily in the areas of family law, residential and commercial real estate (including mortgage foreclosure, zoning and planning), municipal law, estate planning and administration and as arbitrator in UIM/UM arbitrations (usually as the neutral) through ADR Options, Inc., (as one of two approved arbitrators/mediators of Berks County) and as a mediator/arbitrator through the Berks County Bar Association's Alternative Dispute Resolution Program.

**John E. Muir, Esquire** is a partner with the Reading law firm of Roland & Schlegel. He received his bachelor's degree in political science from Albright College in 1990 and his law degree from Widener University School of Law in 1993. He served as an Assistant District Attorney with the Berks County District Attorney's Office from 1993 through 1997. Since 1997, he has been actively engaged in a litigation practice in which he does both plaintiff and defense personal injury work. In addition to personal injury work, he has significant experience in defending medical malpractice claims, as well as representing plaintiffs in medical malpractice actions outside of Berks County. Mr. Muir is active in the Berks County Bar Association and is the current Chairman of the Civil Litigation Section and past Chairman of the Municipal Law Section.

He presently serves as the Solicitor to the Womelsdorf Sewer Authority and the Oley Township Municipal Authority. He has served as special counsel to numerous municipalities and school districts throughout Berks County in litigation and condemnation matters.

Mr. Muir is active in the community and has held various leadership roles with the YMCA of Reading and Berks County. Mr. Muir concentrates his practice primarily in the areas of litigation, personal injury and medical malpractice defense, and municipal law. He is certified as a mediator/arbitrator of the Berks County Bar Association Alternative Dispute Resolution panel, and is an appointed arbitrator chairman in the Court of Common Pleas of Berks County.

**Jesse L. Pleet, Esquire** received a B.S. in Accounting from The Pennsylvania State University in 1977. He attended Alvernia College in 1978 and 1979 for thirty credits of Criminal Justice. He attended Delaware Law School and obtained his J.D. in 1981. Mr. Pleet was a judicial law clerk for the Court of Common Pleas of Lebanon County from 1981 to 1982. He was admitted to the Bar in 1981 and has been admitted to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern and Middle Districts of Pennsylvania, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and the U.S. Supreme Court. He is a Certified Civil Trial Advocate from the National Board of Trial Advocacy. His original practice for approximately 15 years was exclusively insurance defense work. For the next 20 years, the mix was an increasing volume of work for plaintiffs on complex personal injury, wrongful death, employment claims, and commercial litigation. Since 2014, his practice is primarily for Plaintiffs with occasional defense assignments.

Mr. Pleet is familiar with personal injury, workers' compensation, employment law, construction litigation, and institutional debt recoveries. He is a certified instrument pilot and has taught Aviation Law in the Professional Pilot Training Program at Reading Area Community College. He has served on numerous charitable boards and holds several professional memberships. Mr. Pleet has been recognized seven different years since 2007 as a "Pennsylvania Super Lawyer" for general plaintiff personal injury work by *Law & Politics* and *Philadelphia Magazine*. He served on the Berks County Bar Association Board of Directors ("BCBA-BOD") as Secretary for three years 1993-1995; is a Founding Trustee and Past President of the Berks County Bar Foundation, predecessor to the Law Foundation of Berks County, continuing his service as the Foundation's longest-serving Trustee; and has served four years on the BCBA-BOD 2013-2016 including as its President in 2015.

Mr. Pleet has also been appointed each year since 2008 by the sitting President of the Pennsylvania Bar Association to serve on the PBA Committee for Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility. He has been a frequent lecturer for Mandatory Continuing Legal Education ethics credits on the Pennsylvania Rules of Professional Conduct and Code of Civility.

Mr. Pleet is an equal equity shareholder of Leisawitz Heller Abramowitch Phillips, PC in Wyomissing, Berks County. He has been a certified mediator/arbitrator for the program since its inception in 1997.

**Jill M. Scheidt, Esquire** received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology from the Pennsylvania State University in 1989. While a student at Penn State, Jill played the clarinet in the marching and concert Blue Bands. She received her Juris Doctorate from the Villanova University School of Law in 1992.

Since 1992, Jill has practiced in Berks County with concentrations in civil litigation, criminal defense and family law. Jill has litigated a variety of cases to verdict, including premises liability, medical malpractice, motor vehicle

negligence, assault, DUI and three murder cases, including one capital case. She has also taught courses in the paralegal program at the Pennsylvania State University in legal research, legal writing, civil procedure, criminal law and torts. She taught Introduction to Business as an adjunct instructor at Reading Area Community College. Jill has been a member of the Pennsylvania Bar since 1992 and was admitted to the United States District Courts for the Eastern and Middle Districts since 1993.

Jill has served on the Board of Directors of the Reading Musical Foundation, Berks County's premier music funding non-profit agency, since 1998. She has held positions of Secretary, Vice Chair and Chair of the Outreach Committee and was Chair of the Board of the Foundation from 2006 to 2009. She was recently appointed to the Board of the Wyomissing Area Education Foundation. Jill is also solicitor for the Ringgold Band and played with the band for a few years in the 1990's.

Jill became involved in the Berks County Bar Association, after admission by joining the Young Lawyers Section and has remained active ever since. She was President of the Association in 2011. She currently chairs the Unauthorized Practice of Law (UPL) Committee. She is a former editor of the Berks County Law Journal, and former Chair of the following committees: Outreach, Criminal Law and Governmental Affairs.

Recognizing that the Hispanic Community is especially vulnerable to fraud perpetrated by notaries public, Jill represented the Berks County Bar Association and the Daniel Torres Hispanic Center of Reading in a civil suit in 2005. The suit was against a non-lawyer notary who represented litigants in the Hispanic community. Jill was recognized in 2006 by then PBA President Kenneth J. Horoho, Jr. with the PBA President's Everyday Leader Award for her efforts. In 2014, Jill was honored with the Girl Scouts Take the Lead award.

Jill is a frequent speaker on local television and radio shows discussing various legal topics. She is also a presenter and moderator of courses for other lawyers on a variety of topics including mental health issues, unauthorized practice of law, effective use of paralegals and criminal law topics including expungement. Jill was active in the PBA Young Lawyers Division as a young lawyer and is currently a member of the PBA UPL Committee, having previously been appointed as Vice Chair of that committee. She is currently Vice Chair of the Corrections Committee. She was also appointed to serve on the PBA's Political Action Committee and did so in 2008. She is on the CCBL Executive Committee, is a member of the Women in the Profession and serves on the investigative committee for the Judicial Evaluation Committee as well as the President's Planning Committee. Jill is a partner in the firm of Masano Bradley in Wyomissing. She is a member of Atonement Lutheran Church.

**John J. Speicher, Esquire** has been practicing in Berks County, Pennsylvania since November of 1976. He has extensive civil trial practice in personal injury and commercial litigation and has presented cases in various Courts of Common Pleas throughout the eastern portion of Pennsylvania, as well as the United States District court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the Middle District of Pennsylvania. He is admitted to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court.

Mr. Speicher is a member of the Berks County Bar Association, the Pennsylvania Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the Pennsylvania Trial Lawyer's Associations and the Trial Lawyers of America. In 2002 Mr. Speicher became certified as a Civil Trial Specialist with the National Board of Trial Advocacy and has served as one of the founding members of the Berks County Bar Association's Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee.

Mr. Speicher graduated from Denison University with honors as a History Fellow in 1973 and attained his Juris Doctorate Degree from Temple University in 1976. Mr. Speicher has served as Chairman of the Berks County YMCA Board of Directors from 1995 through 1997. He has also served on the Executive Committee of the Berks County Bar Association, as Vice President in 2000, President-Elect in 2001 and the President of the Berks County Bar Association in 2002. He has also served as a delegate to the Pennsylvania Bar Association Board of Delegates representing the Berks County Bar Association.

**Edwin L. Stock, Esquire** is a partner with Roland Stock. Mr. Stock served as the Managing Partner of the law firm from 2010 through June of 2013. He focuses his practice on health care litigation, personal injury and general civil litigation, business law, real estate law and municipal law, with particular expertise in health care litigation, real estate assessment and "Clean and Green" assessment matters. Mr. Stock has successfully defended major health care providers, public housing authorities and municipalities in state and federal trial and appellate courts. He is adept at helping clients solve complex problems utilizing efficient, cost-effective solutions.

A frequent lecturer for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute and the Berks County Bar Association, Mr. Stock has also taught business law and health care law at Alvernia College and St. Joseph's University. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, past President of the Berks County Bar Association and a member of the Pennsylvania Association for Justice.

In addition to his professional endeavors, Mr. Stock is an active member of the Berks County community. He has served as President of the Board of Directors of Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Chairman of the Pennsylvania Accessibility Advisory Board and as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Reading Area Community College.

Mr. Stock earned his law degree, cum laude, in 1985 from Duquesne University School of Law, where he was a member of The Duquesne Law Review. He is a 1982 graduate of Dickinson College. Mr. Stock is licensed to practice throughout Pennsylvania, in the United States District Court for the Eastern and Middle Districts and before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. He resides in Reading, PA.