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NEUTRAL BIO

Hon. Ruth B. Kraft served as an Administrative Law Judge, specializing in Employment & Labor matters, for fourteen years before returning to private practice. She chairs the Employment Law Group at Vigorito, Barker, Patterson, Nichols & Porter, representing both plaintiffs and employers in wage/hour litigation, harassment and discrimination claims, contractual matters, and labor negotiations. In addition, she maintains a consultative practice covering the full range of employment law and healthcare compliance issues.

Having practiced law for over 40 years, Judge Kraft has been a distinguished legal academic, adjudicator, practitioner and neutral. She has been recognized for excellence by a variety of professional and charitable organizations and is a sought-after lecturer on subjects ranging from employee misclassification to labor trafficking to the Americans with Disabilities Act. She is the chief judge of the International Business Ethics Case Competition; her extensive adjudicative experience enables her to see both sides of a matter and bring that understanding to bear during mediation and settlement.

In 2018, Judge Kraft was named a Long Island Power Woman in Business and, in 2019, she was awarded the Judge Paul J. Widlitz award for excellence and integrity on the bench. She is an active member of the Employment Litigation Section of the Federal Bar Council.

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EXPERTISE

- Employment Law
- Wage/Hour Litigation
- Misclassification Litigation
- Collective Bargaining Disputes
- Commercial Disputes
- Healthcare Contracting
- Healthcare Overpayment Disputes

LOCATION

NY Metro

JUDICIAL/LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Partner, Vigorito, Barker, Patterson, Nichols & Porter LLP (2017 - Present)
Of Counsel, Bartlett LLP (2015 - 2017)
Supervising Administrative Law Judge, New York State Department of Labor (2009 - 2015)
Administrative Law Judge, Commercial Frauds and Appeals Tribunals, City of New York (1999 - 2009)
Associate Professor of Law, Hofstra University (1987 - 1990)
Associate Professor of Law, Business & Medicine, New York University (1980 - 1987)
Associate, Weil Gotshal & Manges (1978 - 1980)

EDUCATION

Yale Law School, J.D. 1978
Queens College, B.A., summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, with distinction in Political Science, 1975
Certificate in Alternate Dispute Resolution, Harvard Law School, 2003

ADMISSIONS

New York State
United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern District of New York
United States Supreme Court

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