

William A. Dreier

Of Counsel

Judge William A. Dreier practices in the areas of mediation and arbitration.

In his 25 years in the New Jersey State Judiciary, Judge Dreier was a presiding judge of the Appellate Division from 1994 through 1998. He had served in the Appellate Division since 1983, and in the Chancery Division and the Law Division of the Superior Court beginning in 1973. He has authored approximately 380 published legal opinions.

Judge Dreier is an authority on commercial litigation and ADR. He authored the state text on arbitration law, *New Jersey Arbitration Handbook* (2013-2017), published by the *New Jersey Law Journal*, as well as nine editions of the state's principal text on Chancery Practice from 1983 to 2014, and earlier texts on Secured Financing.

Recognized as one of the nation's leading experts on products liability, Judge Dreier authored *New Jersey Products Liability and Toxic Tort Law* (Gann Law Books), which has been published annually since 1995 as a successor to seven editions with supplements published by NJICLE since 1977. Also the author of several other books and over 50 law review and journal articles, he has lectured in New Jersey and nationally on products liability, commercial law, and ADR in law school symposia, NJICLE programs, and as coordinator and lecturer for ALI-ABA national products liability programs.





As an arbitrator and mediator, Judge Dreier was chosen as a fellow of the College of Commercial Arbitrators and is a member of the New Jersey Panel of Distinguished Neutrals, the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution (CPR), the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals, and the AAA National Panels of Mediators and Commercial, Complex Cases, Class Actions, and Wireless Telecommunications Arbitrators, and as an International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and International Centre for Dispute Resolution® (ICDR) Arbitrator. He is a Certified Mediator for the U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey, a member of the International Mediation Institute, and accredited CEDR (U.K.). He has been approved as an arbitrator in several class action arbitrations and numerous other complex national arbitrations.

Judge Dreier has also served as a court-appointed mediator in complex litigations. He is a member (Emeritus) of the Columbia Law School Board of Visitors, the editorial board of the *New Jersey Law Journal*, and the American Law Institute, and a former Chair of the NJICLE Board of Trustees.

Judge Dreier received a *New Jersey Law Journal* 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award, as well as the *2008 Medal of Honor*, the highest honor awarded to an attorney by the New Jersey State Bar Foundation. He also received the New Jersey State Bar's



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the New Jersey State Bar Association. He also received the New Jersey State Bar's 2010 ADR Practitioner of the Year award and the *1983 Alfred C. Clapp NJICLE Award for Excellence in Continuing Legal Education*, and was the initial recipient of the eponymous *William A. Dreier Award for Excellence in Product Liability Law* from the New Jersey State Bar Association Product Liability Section (2009). He has been regularly included in the Alternative Dispute Resolution section of *The Best Lawyers in America* and *New Jersey Super Lawyers*. He was named the *Best Lawyers* Arbitration "Lawyer of the Year" in the Woodbridge New Jersey Metro Area in 2018 and 2016, and is listed in Who's Who in America.

Areas of practice

Alternative Dispute Resolution
Appellate Practice
Litigation
Pharmaceutical & Medical Devices
Products and Consumer Liability
Defense

Education

Columbia Law School
J.D., 1961
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
B.S., 1958

Professional Affiliations

American Bar Association
New Jersey State Bar Association
College of Commercial Arbitrators,
Fellow
National Academy of Distinguished
Neutrals
American Law Institute, Life Member
American Bar Foundation, Life
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New Jersey Law Journal, Editorial
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Bar Admissions

New Jersey
New York
U.S. Court of Appeals
Second Circuit
Third Circuit
Federal Circuit
U.S. Supreme Court

