

Curriculum Vitae

ABRAHAM J. GAFNI

EDUCATION:

Harvard Law School, J.D., 1963
Yeshiva University, B.A., B.H.L., 1960
Hebrew University, Jerusalem, 1958-59

LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

1994- Present	Professor of Law , Villanova University School of Law (Courses taught to date: Evidence, Trial Practice, Advanced Trial Practice, Dispute Resolution, Religion and Law, Interviewing and Counseling, Negotiation and Mediation Advocacy)
2000-2007	President , Arbitration Appeals Tribunal of the International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims
2003-2007	Chairman (since 2006) and Member of the Appeals Panel established under the Agreement among the Foundation “Remembrance, Responsibility, and Future,” The International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims and the German Insurance Association
1977-94	Judge, Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County Appointed and elected 1977 retained 1987 served as Civil and Criminal Calendar Judge, and Civil and Criminal Motions Judge
1983-85	Court Administrator of Pennsylvania
1974-77	Deputy District Attorney for Law , Philadelphia County (supervising appellate and legislative matters)
1966-73	Private Law Practice , Piwosky and Gafni (general practice principally in business, real estate and estates law and civil litigation)
1965-70	Law Clerk, Honorable J. Sydney Hoffman, Superior Court of Pennsylvania
1963-65	Attorney U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

- 1974-94 **Adjunct Professor of Law, Temple University School of Law**
5 years Professional Responsibility (Ethics)
16 years Trial Practice
3 years District Attorney's Clinical Program
3 years Seminar in the Administration of Criminal Justice
- 1994 **Visiting Professor of Law, Temple University School of Law**
(Professional Responsibility Ethics)
- 1988-94 **Adjunct Professor of Law, Villanova University School of Law**
(Trial Practice)

**LECTURER ON VARIED LEGAL TOPICS IN
PROGRAMS SPONSORED BY (Selected):**

ADR Options, Inc.

American Bar Association

American Arbitration Association

American Law Institute-American Bar Association

American Judicature Society

Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service

U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Trade Commission

National Institute of Trial Advocacy

Rutgers School of Law, Camden, N.J.

Pennsylvania Bar Institute

Pennsylvania College of the Judiciary

Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association

Philadelphia Bar Association

Lehigh County Bar Association

Montgomery County Bar Association

Chester County Bar Association

Pennsylvania Association of Trial Lawyers

Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants

Professional Education Systems, Inc.

Society for Professionals in Dispute Resolution

Annenberg Research Institute for Judaic and Near Eastern Studies

State of Israel Labor Court Judges

Training programs for law firms (e.g., Swartz, Campbell & Detweiler, Cozen & O'Connor)

LEGAL ACTIVITIES:

I. Offices in Professional Organizations (Selected – Past and Present):

1. Chairman, Governor of Pennsylvania's Task Force on Medical Malpractice Insurance Crisis (2002-2003).
2. Vice- Chair- Supreme Court of Pennsylvania Appellate Court Procedural Rules Committee (2008-)
3. Past Chairman, Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee, Pennsylvania Bar Association, 1985-86
4. Commissioner, Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, 1983-85
5. Chairman, Clients Security Fund Committee, Philadelphia Bar Association, 1976
6. Vice Chairman, Committee on Victim Compensation, Philadelphia Bar Association, 1975
7. Secretary, Criminal Justice Section, Philadelphia Bar Association, 1976
8. Member, Board of Trustees, Volunteers for the Indigent (1987-92)
9. Member, Executive Committee, Dispute Resolution Committee, Association of American Law Schools
10. Steering Committee, Pennsylvania Futures Commission for Justice (1992-
11. Co-chair Committee to Plan Rule of Law program for the Philadelphia Bar Association in 1998

II. Membership in Professional Committees (Past and Present):

1. Supreme Court of Pennsylvania Appellate Court Procedural Rules Committee, (2004-present)
2. Committee on Fairness in the Legal System, Philadelphia Bar Association (present)
3. Pennsylvania Commission on Judicial Independence (present)
4. Former Member Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee, University of Pennsylvania Law School Center on Professionalism
5. Member, Alternative Dispute Resolutions Committee, Philadelphia Bar Association
6. Member, Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee, Pennsylvania Bar Association
7. Member, Civil Litigation & Trial Skills Advisory Committee, Pennsylvania Bar Institute
8. Member, Professional Responsibility Committee, Pennsylvania Bar Association
9. Member, Attorney General's Family Violence Task Force, 1985-1987
10. Member, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania Criminal Procedural Rules Committee, 1976-78
11. Member, Committee on Merit Judicial Retention, Philadelphia Bar Association, 1975
12. Member, Special Committee on Judicial Selection, Retention and Evaluation, Philadelphia Bar Association, 1975
13. Member, Association for Conflict Resolution
14. Member, International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Judges
15. Member, Medical Ethics Committee, Philadelphia Geriatric Center

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS (Past and Present -Selected):

Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges, Distinguished Service
Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association, Outstanding Service
Philadelphia Bar Association, Distinguished Service
Association of Administrators of Special Courts, Distinguished Service
Cesare Beccarria Award presented by the Criminal Justice Section of the Philadelphia Bar Association and Justinian Society
Philadelphia Bar Association (Special Presentation upon retirement in 1994)
Louis D Brandeis Law Society (Portrait and Establishment of Judge Abraham J Gafni award for law students.)
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ARTICLES:

- “Foreword” *The Model Rules: Practitioner’s Guide to Avoiding Malpractice*” Temple Law Quarterly, Vol. 61, No. 4, 1988
- “*Guilty Plea Colloquies in Pennsylvania*,” Pennsylvania Bar Association Quarterly, April 1977 (with J. Shellenberger)
- “*Criminal Trial Problems, Parts I, II and III*,” State College of the Judiciary, 1978-79 video program to train judges for courtroom role in criminal courts)

Publications Prepared for Education of the Judiciary and the Bar (Selected):

- “Fifth and Sixth Amendments and the Exclusionary Rules,” State College of the Judiciary, 1978-81 (115-page review and analysis of federal and state law)
- “Abolition of the Indicting Grand Jury Effects Many Procedural Changes,” *The Retainer*, January 9, 1976
- “Pennsylvania Should Consider Uniform Certification of Questions of Law Act,” (*Legal Intelligencer*, October 2, 1987, reprinted in the *Pennsylvania Law Journal-Reporter*, December 21, 1987)
- “*Advocacy in Arbitration*” (prepared for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute in 1999)
- “*Creative Uses of ADR*” (PBEC 1996)
- “The Expert Witness: Preparation and Presentation.” (prepared for the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants, November 2005)
- “The Pre-Mediation Submission—a Powerful, Invaluable Tool” (*Legal Intelligencer*, July 19, 2004)
- “The Mediation Client: Participant or Observer” (*Legal Intelligencer*, September 20, 2004)
- “Mediation Presents Opportunities to Meet Objectives” (*Legal Intelligencer*, November 15, 2004)
- “Pointers for Negotiating the Mediation Agreement” (*Legal Intelligencer*, January 31, 2005)
- “Can Parties be Compelled to Act in Good Faith in Mediation” (*Legal Intelligencer*, March 21, 2005)
- “Mediators: Complying with Multiple Codes of Conduct” (*Legal Intelligencer*, May 16, 2005)

- “Things for You to Consider Prior to Arbitration Day” (*Legal Intelligencer*, July 18, 2005)
- “Is There Really Confidentiality in Alternate Dispute Resolution?” (*Legal Intelligencer*, September 19, 2005)
- “Is There Really an Assurance of Privilege in Mediation?” (*Legal Intelligencer*, November 21, 2005)
- “Who is The Mediation Privilege Designed to Protect Anyway?” (*Legal Intelligencer*, April 17, 2006)
- “Issues That Should be Resolved Before You Arbitrate,” Part I (*Legal Intelligencer*, June 19, 2006)
- “Issues That Should be Resolved Before You Arbitrate,” Part II (*Legal Intelligencer*, August 21, 2006)
- “Issues That Should be Resolved Before You Arbitrate,” Part III (*Legal Intelligencer*, October 16, 2006)
- “What is the *functus officio* Doctrine in Arbitration” (*Legal Intelligencer*, December 18, 2006)
- “Creating an Arbitration Procedure for Holocaust Insurance Claims” (*Legal Intelligencer*, April 16, 2007)
- “Be Aware of Agreements So You Don’t Lose Your Right to Arbitrate” (*Legal Intelligencer*, June 18, 2007)
- “Who Makes the Decision of Whether and How to Arbitrate” (*Legal Intelligencer*, August 20, 2007)
- “Some Suggestions for Trying an Arbitration Case” (*Legal Intelligencer*, October 15, 2007)
- “Complying With the Requirements of the Arbitration Agreement” (*Legal Intelligencer*, December 17, 2007)