

REBA DISPUTE RESOLUTION, INC.

F. SYDNEY "SYD" SMITHERS, IV, ESQ.



- Mr. Smithers joined the firm of Cain Hibbard & Myers PC in Pittsfield in 1971, concentrating in all aspects of residential and commercial real estate. Mr. Smithers became a partner with the firm and has been directing the firm's Real Estate Department since 1976. Admitted to the Massachusetts Bar in 1970, the US District Court and the District Court of Massachusetts in 1971, he began his career serving as a law clerk to Judge Edward McPartlin in the Massachusetts Land Court. He was appointed a Land Court Examiner in 1972.
- Mr. Smithers graduated from the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce at the University of Pennsylvania and earned his JD from Boston University School of Law. He received his mediation training at Framingham Court Mediation Services in 1996.

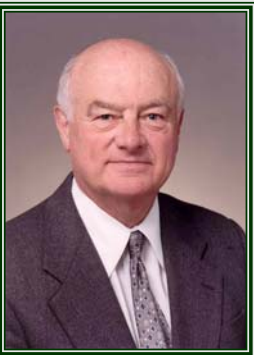
- He is a long time member of the Real Estate Bar Association for Massachusetts, having served as a member of the Association's Executive Committee, Board of Directors, Chairman of the Continuing Education Committee, as well as the Association's President in 1987. Mr. Smithers was presented with the Association's Richard B. Johnson Award in May of 2001. He also has been a member of the Massachusetts Bar Association, the Berkshire Bar Association, The Abstract Club, the New England Land Title Association, the American Land Title Association, the Massachusetts City Solicitors and Town Counsel Association and the Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education Real Estate Curriculum Advisory Committee. In 1998 Mr. Smithers was elected a Fellow of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers.
- In addition to being very active in his local community, he has served as trustee for The Trustees of Reservations for many years and recently completed his second term as Chairman of its Board of Directors.
- A respected author and lecturer, Mr. Smithers' publications include Massachusetts Highway Law for Surveyors and contributions to Crocker's Notes on Common Forms (8th Ed., MCLE 1995, Supp., 1997, 2000), Massachusetts Municipal Law (MCLE, 2002) and Real Estate Title Practice in Massachusetts (MCLE, 2003).

Mediator

Arbitrator

Case Evaluator

THE HON. J. OWEN TODD (RET.)



- Judge Todd served as an Associate Justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court from 1988 until his resignation in 1992. During his judicial appointment, he presided over a variety of areas including construction, commercial real estate, commercial contract, land use and environmental law. Before his appointment, Judge Todd was a senior partner in the litigation department of Hale and Dorr, practicing in Massachusetts State and Federal Courts, including the Tax Court. He returned to the practice of law and concentrates on trials involving real estate, complex business litigation, intellectual property disputes, tax and corporate securities litigation.

- In addition, Judge Todd's extensive experience in mediation and arbitration includes matters of environmental issues, complex commercial litigation, employment discrimination and harassment, patent and copyright claims and divorce issues.

- Judge Todd graduated from Harvard University, and earned his JD at Boston College Law School. He was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar in 1960.
- A respected author and lecturer, Judge Todd has served as President of the Massachusetts Trial Lawyers Association. He also holds memberships in the American College of Trial Lawyers, the American Bar Association, the Massachusetts Bar Association and the Boston Bar Association. He was Sudbury's Town Moderator and has been the recipient of numerous educational trusteeships and fellowships.

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