



THE HON. LEON J. LOMBARDI (RET.)

Mediator, Arbitrator, Case Evaluator



"I had the pleasure of working with Judge Lombardi on a recent matter that was scheduled for arbitration. What was supposed to be an all-day arbitration session quickly turned into a negotiation session, led by Judge Lombardi. In less than an hour, he was able to successfully negotiate a settlement of the matter which was truly beneficial to all parties. This was the first time that I had been before Judge Lombardi, but it most certainly will not be the last, as he was one of the most effective neutrals I have ever dealt with in my 20 plus years of practicing law."

- Jason Pithie

Judge Lombardi, one of REBA Dispute Resolution's longest-serving neutrals, has mediated or arbitrated more than 110 cases since joining the panel in 2008. With a mediation settlement rate nearing 70 percent, Judge Lombardi has mediated cases involving permitting, land use and zoning appeals, partitions, easements, and boundary line and adverse possession disputes, as well as condominium disputes, construction contracts, general business disputes as well as general equitable matters within the jurisdiction of the Land Court.

In 2017, REBA/DR's parent, the Real Estate Bar Association, honored Judge Lombardi with the Richard B. Johnson Award, in recognition of his years of outstanding and selfless contributions to advancing the practice of real estate law, his service to the Commonwealth's real estate bar, and his singular support of REBA Dispute Resolution. This award is REBA's highest honor.

Judge Lombardi served as an Associate Justice of the Land Court from 1995 to 2008. During his time on the bench, Lombardi co-chaired a committee consisting of court personnel, private attorneys, and surveyors that drafted the "Manual of Instructions for the Survey of Lands and Preparation of Plans." He also participated as a faculty member in numerous seminars pertaining to Massachusetts easement law. For many years, Judge Lombardi was a member of the Real Estate Bar Association and an ex-officio member of The Abstract Club.

Prior to his service on the bench, Judge Lombardi was a member of the boards of Suffield Academy; the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (commonly known as Amtrak); Brockton Hospital, Inc.; North Easton Savings Bank; and the Natural Resources Trust of Easton, Inc.

Between January 1977 and January 1983, he served in the Massachusetts House of Representatives, representing the towns of Easton, Mansfield and Norton. After leaving the legislature, Judge Lombardi practiced law with Warner & Stackpole in Boston until 1995.

Judge Lombardi is a graduate of Tufts University and received his law degree from Boston University School of Law.