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Mediator, Case Evaluator



Barbara Macy has been practicing law in Boston for thirty years. She has acted as mediator or represented clients in disputes arising in the contexts of buying and selling real estate, condominium issues, probate, unmarried partner dissolutions, malpractice, cooperatives, title, consumer protection, divorce, zoning, boundary issues, landlord-tenant, employment, and criminal cases, among others. Attorney Macy has served as mediator for REBA's *pro bono* residential foreclosure mediation program in the United States Bankruptcy Court since the inception of that program, with an exceptional record of settlements. She is Martindale-Hubbell AV rated and enjoys maximum client ratings on martindale.com, lawyers.com, yelp.com, google.com and avvo.com.

In addition to her private general law and mediation practice and her work with REBA's foreclosure mediation program in the Bankruptcy Court, Attorney Macy is a member of REBA's Condominium Law and Practice Committee, participates in the Lawyer for the Day program at the Suffolk Probate and Family Court, and has acted as a conciliator for civil cases in the Boston Municipal Court. She has also served as a member of the Massachusetts Bar Foundation's Society of Fellows since 1994, reviewing IOLTA funding requests. Ms. Macy received mediation training at the Community Dispute Settlement Center and is admitted to practice law in Massachusetts, the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts and the United States Supreme Court.

Ms. Macy is excited about mediation for several reasons. First and perhaps most importantly, mediation offers an opportunity for each party (either directly or through counsel) to tell his, her, or its story in front of a neutral third party. Often, the opportunity for their "side" to be told in such a fashion is necessary to allow a party to move beyond the dispute. Second, mediation can provide an opportunity to come up with solutions that would simply not be available in Court. And third, mediation gives parties an opportunity to resolve their disputes (or move toward resolution) relatively quickly, efficiently, and with finality. Barbara's high record of settlements reflects her commitment to carefully listening to each person and facilitating resolutions that take into account the needs of all parties.

Barbara Macy is a graduate of Boston University (*cum laude*, 1980) and Northeastern University School of Law (1984).