



JOEL M. RECK, ESQ.

Mediator, Arbitrator, Case Evaluator



Joel Reck has more than ten years of varied mediation experience involving the following types of disputes: Development and land use; condominiums; construction; family businesses; workouts and foreclosures; easements, boundaries and adverse possession; leases; employment; personal injury; and professional malpractice. Mr. Reck is a retired partner from Brown Rudnick LLP and former Chair of its Real Estate Department. His practice consisted of structuring, managing and closing sophisticated commercial real estate transactions throughout the United States and included several of the largest development projects and leases in the Greater Boston area.

Currently listed in The Best Lawyers in America in the specialties of Alternative Dispute Resolution and Real Estate Law, he has been listed as one of the “Nation’s Top 10 Real Estate Lawyers” published by the United States Lawyer Rankings guide and named as a leading individual in real estate law in Massachusetts by Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business. He served as Chair of the Real Estate Section and President of the Boston Bar Association and Boston Bar Foundation, and served on the governing boards of the Massachusetts Bar Association, REBA, the American Bar Association and Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education. He is the recipient of REBA’s Richard B. Johnson Award, the Association’s highest honor. Mr. Reck is a member of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers and its Leasing Committee, is a former Chair of the Wayland Zoning Board of Appeals and of the Boston Harbor Island Alliance, now Boston Harbor NOW. He has been a former chair and board member of many other non-profit organizations and has served on various governmental task forces.

Currently, Mr. Reck serves as an Adjunct Professor at Boston College Law School and as a Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education faculty member to train and certify lawyers to be mediators. He received his J.D. from Harvard University and his B.A. from Bowdoin College.

“I have mediated several complex disputes with Joel. I have found he has an extraordinary ability to get parties to see the legal and practical limitations of their positions without generating defensiveness. He has a steady, but not too firm, hand that deftly guides participants to perspectives that are critical to achieving resolution. One of the best.”

Thomas O. Moriarty, Esq.
Moriarty Bielán & Malloy LLC
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“Joel mediated a zoning case -- it was actually two cases, in two different courts -- that appeared very unlikely to settle. He spent all day, with no breaks, to produce a miracle -- a total settlement that everyone considered a win/win. On the surface, he mixes boundless energy and optimism with self-deprecating humor, but beneath that he’s a results-oriented sharp thinker and a shrewd negotiator.”

Joseph B. Lichtblau, Esq.
Attorney at Law
Boston

“Attorney Reck is an excellent and highly professional mediator. My attorney and I appreciated his thoughtfulness and integrity, coupled with good humor throughout the process.”

Richard W. Thaler, Jr.
Lieutenant Island Partners LLC
Charleston, SC