

Kent Lawrence

Partner

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Kent Lawrence is a sought-after mediator and arbitrator who is retained either directly by counsel or through organizations such as the American Arbitration Association, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA, f/k/a NASD), National Futures Association and the Center for Conflict Resolution. His mediations often focus on matters involving securities, options, commodities and futures, general commercial and real estate, but he has also mediated as a volunteer in employment discrimination, divorce fee and community matters.

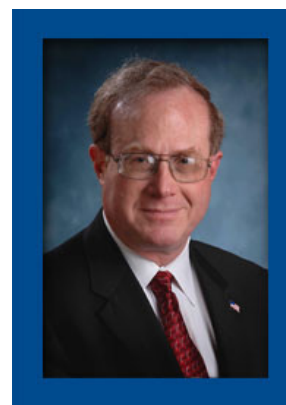
Kent's reputation is that of a strong but fair arbitrator and a persistent mediator who can get parties to a settlement. This reputation is well-earned: He has served as an arbitrator in more than 80 cases and as a mediator in more than 150 cases, where he has a history of full or partial agreement over 75% of the time and almost 90% of the time in securities and commodities casework. Part of the reason for his success is his broad range of experience. Before becoming a mediator, Kent honed his skills in both litigation and transactions, representing business clients in the binding, computer systems, construction, cosmetics, CD development, coin-operated laundry machines, personal services and real estate industries. His individual client work also includes estate and tax planning, return preparation, probate and investments.

Parties employing Kent's services as a neutral often find detailed background information useful to them (or their clients). To assist them, Mr. Lawrence provides the following detailed background information in PDF format:

- Biography (short form - one page)
- Biography (long form - five pages)
- Statement of Mediator Style/Philosophy
- Mediation: Advocate List

Kent is not only an active neutral in alternative dispute resolution, he is also a leader in the field who has been involved throughout Illinois in the formulation and evaluation of court-annexed systems and initial training of mediators in those systems. A frequent speaker on alternative dispute resolution topics, Kent has organized and participated on numerous panels over the years, including the Circuit Court of Cook County, Law Division, CLE program in September 2008 entitled "What Happens Before the Mediation: Use of Pre-Work to Improve the Chances of Success - Settlement" and the November 2011 Decalogue Society lecture at John Marshall Law School entitled "Disingenuousness and Deceit in Mediation Advocacy."

Kent serves as an officer and director of several not-for-profit grant-giving foundations. Kent and his wife Kathy also established, and work with, the Kickapoo/Mud Creek Nature Conservancy in Oregon, Illinois, and enjoy their "green," architectural-award-winning second home there. For more information, please visit www.kickapoomudcreek.org.



Practice Areas

Alternative Dispute Resolution
Futures & Derivatives
Securities

Experience

Lawrence, Kamin, Saunders & Uhlenhop LLC
Partner: 1975-Present
Associate: 1969-1975

Education

Northwestern University, J.D., cum laude, 1969
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Editorial Board

Northwestern University Law Review

Brandeis University, B.A., 1966

Links to Detailed Background Information

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Honors

2005-2012 Illinois Super Lawyer
Super Lawyers Magazine

Bar Admissions

State of Illinois

Court Admissions

United States District Courts
Northern District of Illinois

United States Courts of Appeal
Seventh Circuit

Professional Memberships

& Affiliations

Northwestern University School of Law,
Adjunct Professor
Commercial Arbitration, 1982-1993

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Professional Memberships & Affiliations (continued)

Illinois Supreme Court

Alternative Dispute Resolution Coordinating Committee of the Illinois Judicial Conference
Court-Appointed Advisory Member
1993-Present

Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA, f/k/a NASD)

Member, Panel of Arbitrators, 1977-2005
Member, Mediation Roster, 1997-Present

National Futures Association

Member, Arbitration Panel, 1986-Present
Member, Business Conduct Hearing Committee, 2001-Present

International Mediation Institute

Certified Mediator, 2009-Present

American Arbitration Association

Member, Panel of Arbitrators, 1974-Present
Member, Panel of Mediators, 2005-Present

Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois,

Law Division
Listed Mediator, 2004-Present

Illinois 18th Judicial Circuit

Court-Ordered Mediation for
Civil Cases Program
Certified Mediator, 2000-Present

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators,

North American Branch
Associate Member (CIArb), 1999-Present

Chicago Board Options Exchange

Member, Panel of Arbitrators, 1995-Present

Association for Conflict Resolution/Chicago Chapter

Treasurer, 2006-2008
Board Member, 2002-Present

Chicago Bar Association

Chair of ADR (Arbitration) Committee,
1987-1988, 1998-1999
Vice-Chair of ADR (Arbitration) Committee,
1985-1987, 1997-1998
Securities Law Committee 1971-Present

Northern Illinois University College of Law

Board of Visitors, Member,
1992-2008

