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LEGAL and ADR Experience and Qualifications

- 35 Years of Litigation experience in Trial and Appeals Court Practice in state and federal courts, and 25+ years as a highly accredited Arbitrator and Hearing Office / Administrative Law Judge:
 - 2008 -- : Offices of Robert B. Morton - Arbitrator/Hearing Officer/ADR
 - 1984 – 2008: Principal, Law Offices of Robert B. Morton, Chicago, IL.
 - 1999 – 2008: Hearing Officer/ALJ, State of Illinois Board of Education, Chicago IL
 - 2/01– 10/03 Police Officer (Sworn part-time), Round Lake Area P.D., IL.
 - 1983 -- 1984: Assistant Attorney General for State of Illinois
 - 1982 –1983: Associate Attorney, Wildman Harrold Allen & Dixon (Chicago, IL.)

Areas of practice and experience including: Labor & Employment Law: Discrimination/Civil rights/Wrongful Discharge; Commercial Litigation; Contract Disputes, Criminal Law, Corporations, Partnerships, LLC's, Franchises, Securities, Injunctions and TRO's, Intellectual Property, Non-Compete Agreements, Trademarks, Trade Secrets, Bankruptcy, Probate, Trusts, Commercial Code, Discovery, E-Commerce, Real Estate; Insurance Coverage; Negligence: Automobile Accident, Product Liability, Malpractice, Construction & Design Defects; Consumer Rights: Fraud/RICO; and, Class Actions.

Background and Education

- HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, J.D. (Juris Doctorate), 1982
- University of Michigan, B.A. 1978 (political science) – Summa Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa

Honors, Licenses and other Professional Activities

- Licensed as Attorney in State of Illinois (1982-2008)*, U.S. District Court for N.D. IL. (Trial Bar), U.S. Court of Appeals for Seventh Circuit, and admitted to the Bar of the U.S. Supreme Court.
*(Voluntary "Inactive" Status due to relocation out-of-state, with no history of disciplinary action; subject to automatic reinstatement to "Active" Status upon request and payment of Bar fees)
- **JUDICIAL CANDIDATE** in 2002 Elections for Circuit Court Judge of the 19th Judicial Circuit (Lake & McHenry Counties, IL.). **Rated "Well-Qualified"** for Circuit Judge by Supreme Court Blue-Ribbon Judicial Screening Committee. See: <http://mortonforjudge.robertbmorton.com>
- Licensed as Real Estate Broker in State of Illinois (1997 - 2008)
- **Law Enforcement** – Police Officer (Sworn) - (Solo Squad Patrol) (part time) – northern IL

ROBERT B. MORTON, Esq. is also a highly experienced Arbitrator and Hearing Officer, having presided in 100+ Arbitration hearings, accredited by these national and international ADR organizations:

- National Arbitration Forum (“The Forum”), U.S.A. – Arbitrator Panelist
- United States Council for International Business (USCIB) -- List of approved Arbitrators
- Indonesian National Board of Arbitration (BANI) – International Arbitrator panelist
- Beijing Arbitration Commission – Panel of International Commercial Arbitrators
- Asian International Arbitration Centre of Malaysia (AIAC) - International Arbitrator panelist
- China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC) – Int’l Arb. Panelist
- Shanghai International Arbitration Center (SHIAC) - Panel of Foreign Arbitrators
- South China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission, a/k/a Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration (SCIA) - Foreign Arbitrator Panelist
- Thailand Arbitration Centre (THAC) – International Arbitrator Panelist
- Philippine Dispute Resolution Centre (PDRC) – International Arbitrator Panelist
- Vancouver International Arbitration Centre (VanIAC) – International Arbitrator panelist
- Arbitration Court for the Economic Chamber of the Czech Republic (Prague) – Arbitrator Panelist
- International Commercial Arbitration Court of Ukraine (ICAC) – Int’l Arbitrator Panelist
- World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) - International Intellectual Property Arbitrator
- Arbitration Center of Mexico – International Arbitrator Register
- Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC) – International Arbitrator Panelist
- The Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA) – Arbitrator Panelist
- Vienna International Arbitral Centre (VIAC) - approved List of Arbitrator Practitioners
- Venice Chamber of Arbitrators (Camera Arbitrale di Venezia) – approved Register of Arbitrators
- National Future’s Association- (former) certified public Arbitrator & Chairperson
- American Arbitration Association – (former) commercial Arbitrator panelist
- NASD Arbitrator & Training Lecturer – Former invited Speaker at National Arbitrator Skills Training Conference – Topic: Emergency Interim Injunctions, Trade Secrets and Non-Compete Agreements
- New York Stock Exchange – (former) certified (public) Arbitrator & Chairperson
- Chicago Board Options Exchange- (former) certified (public) Arbitrator & Chairperson
- **Cook County Court** Mandatory Arbitration Program- former certified **Arbitrator and Chairperson**
- **State of Illinois** Board of Education – former certified **ALJ/Hearing Officer** for Teacher dismissals

Representative Legal and ADR Matters:

- Chair/Sole-Arbitrator in 1st-ever nationwide NASD emergency injunction case involving claims of broker employer raiding, interference with contract, and non-compete agreement
- Chair/Sole-Arbitrator in \$20 Million partnership dissolution of real estate developers
- Chairman of 3-Arbitrator Panel in case of corporate executive claim for wrongful termination, breach of employment agreement, and counterclaim for trade secret & non-compete violations
- Chair/Sole Hearing Officer in several public school tenured teacher employment dismissal appeals
- Chairman of 3-Arbitrator Panel in case of securities brokerage Vice-President’s multi-million dollar severance compensation and commissions dispute, and counter-claims of non-compete violations
- Chairman of 3-Arbitrator Panel in case of wrongful employment termination and sex discrimination
- Chairman of 3-Arbitrator Panels in numerous multi-million dollar securities industry disputes
- Litigated \$10 Million+ claim for wrongful franchise termination - counterclaim for breach of agreement
- Litigated \$15 Million claim for breach of officers’ fiduciary duty and claims for dissolution of LLC
- Litigated \$5 Million claim for breach of purchase and sale of business and security agreement
- Litigated \$1 Million claim for Architectural Malpractice and Construction Design Defect