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As a former Judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey for twenty years I served in both the Criminal and Civil Divisions, and presided over numerous jury trials. While in the Criminal Division, I was assigned four death penalty cases. When new legislation was passed for Sexual Violent Predator cases, I was the first and only Judge assigned in the entire State of New Jersey to hear those cases. While in the Civil Division I tried personal injury, medical and professional malpractice and employment discrimination cases. I conducted 100's of settlement conferences. I also participated in Civil Mediation Programs. I was the designated Prerogative Writ Judge in the Bergen Vicinage for seven years, and I decided many high profile cases pertaining to Land Development and Municipal and County government actions. I have been awarded certifications from Latz Negotiation Institute and the State of New Jersey Office of Dispute Settlement, three day course by Eric R. Max, Director. I also served on the New Jersey Supreme Court Arbitration Advisory Committee for over seven years and since retirement, I am of Counsel with the Sekas Law Group, LLC in Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, in charge of the firm's Alternate Dispute Resolution Department as an arbitrator and mediator in civil matters and litigation

During my tenure as a Superior Court Judge, I participated in annual lectures and seminars to judges and lawyers on topics pertaining to jury selection in both civil and criminal cases and topics in connection with settlement techniques. I have also participated in seminars conducted by the National Judicial Society at Stanford Law School, University of Virginia Law School, and Brooklyn Law School, and participated in numerous programs for the National Judicial College and the American Jurisprudence Society in various locations across the country.

I am a graduate of University of Dayton with a degree in Accounting and a graduate of Cleveland University Marshall Law School. I am admitted to practice in New Jersey and admitted to practice in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey and the United States Supreme Court.