

Hon. Mimi Tsankov (Ret.)



Hon. Mimi Tsankov (Ret.) is a certified mediator/arbitrator in New York City, currently serving on the JAMS Labor Panel, the American Arbitration Association Labor Panel, and the financial industry's FINRA Arbitration Panel, as well as a number of other mediation panels throughout New York State. For nearly two decades, she served as a judge in the federal administrative judiciary, prosecuted cases on behalf of the U.S. Department of Justice and the Peace Corps, and worked for over 10 years in private law practice. She's been appointed to the Board of Advisors at Manifest Law, which handles employment-based

visa applications. She's been recognized both at the court and throughout various legal organizations for her work as a judge and as a leader in the international legal community, holding multiple elected and appointed roles for decades in leading organizations, including the ABA, the International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers, Judicial Council 2 (a national labor organization affiliated with the AFL-CIO), the Federal Bar Association, and the National Association of Women Judges. She's received multiple ABA Presidential Appointments to the UN Representatives Department of Global Communications, and is currently Immediate Past Chair of the ABA's Judicial Division's National Conference of the Administrative Law Judiciary. She's a Board Member of the City Bar of New York's Commercial Law Section, and an Affiliate Board Member of its ADR Section. She is a member of multiple chapters of the Labor and Employment Relations Association (LERA).

In the labor field, she's contributed to ongoing labor-related discussions by testifying before the Judiciary Committees of both the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives, meeting regularly with Congressional leaders, publishing numerous articles in legal periodicals and in a variety of law journals, serving on national and international panels (U.S., Canada, and Europe) speaking with members of all major media outlets (print, TV, film, and radio), and by producing podcast stories. To keep the community informed, she's also provided expert background information for film, museum, and theater releases, explaining the nuances of labor issues in the immigration context.

Throughout her career, she's received many honors, awards, and citations from the U.S. Department of Justice, the ABA and the FBA, and others. As a Federal Administrative Judge, she presided over cases throughout the U.S., including New York, Colorado, Texas, Nevada, Florida, and California. She's on the Adjunct Law Faculty at Fordham Law School in New York, and has been on the faculty of Colorado Law School and the Sturm College of Law in Denver, Colorado. She publishes regularly in peer-reviewed and general interest journals. She completed her J.D. at the University of Virginia School of Law and earned an M.A. in International Relations from the University of Virginia Graduate School of Politics.