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**Undergraduate**

New York University, B.A., 1964

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Seton Hall University School of Law,  
J.D., 1978, cum laude  
New York University, LL.M. in  
Taxation, 1981

**Admissions**

New Jersey, 1978  
New York, 1987

**Practice Areas**

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Judge Harriet Derman (Retired) concentrates her practice in mediating and arbitrating chancery and probate matters, as well as personal injury, commercial, construction, fiduciary, malpractice, contract and employment litigation matters, and providing special master services. She is experienced in partnership and limited liability law, shareholder oppression, securities, taxation, employee benefits, restrictive covenants, trade secrets, foreclosures, corporate governance, planned real estate development, estate planning and estate administration.

Judge Derman served as the Presiding Chancery Judge in Somerset, Warren and Hunterdon Counties from 2006-2009 and was the Probate Judge in Somerset County. She also served as Presiding Judge, Civil Division, in Somerset, Warren and Hunterdon Counties.

Judge Derman was Chief Counsel to Governor Christine Todd Whitman in 1996 and Chief of Staff to the Governor from 1996 to 1998. Prior to that, she served as Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs. She was a member of the New Jersey General Assembly from 1992 to 1994. She also served as President of the Middlesex County Bar Association.

Her professional accomplishments include:

- Highest Peer Review ranking by Martindale-Hubbell
- Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel
- Member of the Editorial board of the New Jersey Law Journal
- Approved federal mediator
- Member of New Jersey Academy of Mediators and Arbitrators

She has a LLM in taxation, is a member of the Academy of Court Appointed Masters, and is a member of the Academy of Distinguished Neutrals.