## **OUR MEDIATION GROUP**

The Mediation Solutions Group deals with each matter by leveraging the appropriate expertise to provide legal and practical solutions to counsel and their clients.

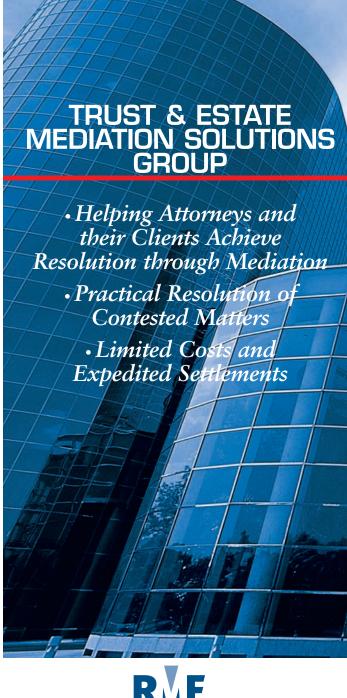
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## **OVERVIEW**

Estate litigation can be acrimonious and protracted. But innovative solutions can break the logjam of delay, minimizing escalating costs and bringing closure to disputes.

The Mediation Solutions Group, offering over a 100 years of combined practical experience, gives attorneys and their clients a timely, solutions-focused way to resolve trust and estate disputes. Our mediators have extensive experience in multiple capacities, including advocate, judge and court personnel.

Members of the group are sought-after speakers at seminars and frequent contributors to legal periodicals. Their experience in the Surrogate's Courts has furnished them with the tools and insight to creatively lead the parties to practical resolution.

Our knowledge of the relevant law lies at the core of our excellent reputation within the estates and trusts community. We are intimately familiar with the many complex considerations involved, including estate and gift taxes, generation-skipping transfer tax and fiduciary responsibilities. We mediate the whole range of trust and estate disputes, from the simplest contested probate matters to the most complex corporate fiduciary accountings.

## **TEAM BIOGRAPHIES**

The RMF Mediation Solutions Group is headed by former Nassau County Surrogate C. Raymond Radigan.

Judge Radigan served as a judge of the Nassau County Surrogate's Court for 20 years, hearing thousands of disputed trust and estate matters. Before ascending to the bench, Judge Radigan served as Chief Clerk and Deputy Chief Clerk and as a law assistant to Surrogate John D. Bennett. He chaired the Advisory Committee to the New York State Legislature on the Estate, Powers and Trust Law and the Surrogate's Court Procedure Act. He continues to be a driving force in the revision and updating of trusts and estates law and practice in New York State. In addition to serving as a mediator, he is often called upon as an expert witness in Surrogate's Court litigation. Judge Radigan is a published author, a regular contributor to Warren's Heaton on Surrogate's Courts, and co-author of a treatise on New York Estate Administration; he regularly contributes a column on estates and trusts litigation to the New York Law Journal.

Michael K. Feigenbaum is co-chair of the RMF Trusts & Estates Department. He brings to the group four decades of experience as an estate and trust litigator. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Trusts and Estates Law Section of the New York State Bar Association and a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. He is also a former president of the Queens County Bar Association.

Peter K. Kelly is a former member of the staff of the Nassau County Surrogate's Court, and served as Law Secretary to Judge C. Raymond Radigan and later as a court attorney/referee. Prior to joining the Surrogate's Court, Mr. Kelly was Law Secretary to the Hon. Raymond Harrington, then Acting Nassau County Surrogate. He was most recently President of the New York State Surrogate's Law Association.

## **EXPERIENCE**

Our team members have presided over the gamut of contested probate and trust matters and helped resolve fiduciary accountings, division of businesses, inquisitorial discovery matters and contested accountings and probate proceedings. We offer professional guidance to attorneys in seemingly intractable matters to bring the parties together and successfully end litigation.

In addition, we have successfully represented many corporate and individual fiduciaries, beneficiaries and objectants and acted as co-counsel to resolve Surrogate Court litigations.

Our clients have included national banking organizations and New York State corporate fiduciaries as well as individual fiduciaries. We have assisted our clients in the successful negotiation and structuring of settlement agreements.