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Robert E. Bartkus is Of Counsel at Anselmi & Carvelli, LLP and has more than 45 years of experience in multiparty business and international arbitration and litigation at all levels of state and federal courts.

Bob's practice now focuses on alternative dispute resolution along with several notable pro bono federal cases and matters. He has served as sole arbitrator, panel member, and chair in matters before the American Arbitration Association (AAA), the International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR), JAMS, and the NASD.

He has also chaired complex and appellate panels under AAA rules, and has served as an arbitrator and mediator for the U.S. District Court, including in Superstorm Sandy cases. In 2016, Bob was elected a Fellow of the College of Commercial Arbitrators, a distinction reserved for leading practitioners in the field.

Bob is a prolific author and lecturer on arbitration and federal practice. He is the co-author (with the late Hon. William A. Dreier, P.J.A.D. (Ret.)) of the annual *New Jersey Arbitration Handbook* (ALM, 2017–present), and the originator and long-time co-editor of *New Jersey Federal Civil Procedure* (1989–2022). He is a co-author of *Interim Measures in the United States in Aid of Arbitration* (Juris, 2022) and *The CCA Guide to Best Practices in Commercial Arbitration* (Juris, 2025). He has published widely in professional journals, including the *Stanford Law Review*, *New Jersey Lawyer*, and ABA publications.

Bob's professional contributions have earned him significant recognition. In 2025, he received the James B. Boskey Award, the highest honor for achievement in the development and practice of ADR in New Jersey. He was also honored with the Richard K. Jeydel Award from the Justice Marie L. Garibaldi American Inn of Court for Alternative Dispute Resolution in 2020. Additionally, Bob received Special Recognition from the Historical Society of the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey and the Alfred E. Clapp Award from the *New Jersey Law Journal* Editorial Board. He was an Articles co-editor for the Stanford Law Review.

Bob is listed in *New Jersey Super Lawyers®* for Alternative Dispute Resolution and in *Best Lawyers in America®* for both Arbitration and Commercial Litigation. He holds an *AV Preeminent™* rating from Martindale-Hubbell and has been included in *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who in American Law*. He is a member of the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals, serves on the New Jersey Law Journal Editorial Board, and is a Master of both the John C. Lifland Intellectual Property Inn of Court and the Justice Marie L. Garibaldi ADR Inn of Court.

Bob began his career in service to his country as a Lieutenant in the United States Navy and earned his J.D. from Stanford Law School and his undergraduate degree from Swarthmore College. He is admitted to the Bar in New Jersey, New York and California (inactive).

Practice Areas

- Appeals
- Commercial Litigation
- Alternative Dispute Resolution

Education

- Stanford Law School, J.D., 1976
  - Articles co-editor, *Stanford Law Review*, 1975-76
  - 1976 *Irving Hellman, Jr. Special Award*
  - Post-graduation teaching assistant, 1976
- Swarthmore College, B.A., Economics/Math, with honors, 1968
- U.S. Navy, 1968-1973

Admissions

- State of New Jersey, 1977
- State of New York, 1977
- State of California, 1976 (inactive)
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California, 2004
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California, 2003
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit, 1987
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, 1981
- U.S. Supreme Court, 1981
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York, 1978
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, 1978
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey, 1977

Awards

- Recipient of the 2025 "*James B. Boskey Award*" for excellence in the development and practice of ADR in New Jersey.
- Listed in *New Jersey Super Lawyers®*
  - Alternative Dispute Resolution, 2005-2010 and 2012-2027
- Listed in *Best Lawyers in America®*
  - Arbitration, 2026-2027
  - Commercial Litigation, 2025-2027
- Richard K. *Jeydel Award*, American Inns of Court in ADR, 2020
- Historical Society of the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey, Special Recognition, 2009
- Alfred E. Clapp Award, 1995, from the New Jersey Law Journal Editorial Board

News & Publications

- Co-author, "Why Arbitration Depends on Legal Independence," New Jersey State Bar Association's New Jersey Lawyer Magazine, April, 2026
- Co-author, "A Litigator's Plea: A Little Planning When Drafting an Arbitration Clause Can Save a Lot of Time, Money and Headache," New Jersey State Bar Association's, New Jersey Lawyer Magazine, April, 2024
- Co-author, "New Jersey Arbitration Handbook," ALM, 2017-2025
- "Beware Those Administration Rules," ABA, Arbitration Committee Newsletter, Spring 2024
- Co-author, "Interim Measures in the United States in Aid of Arbitration," JAMS, 2022
- "Waiving Right to Court and Jury by Sophisticated Commercial Parties," ABA, Section of Litigation, April 2023
- "NJ Supreme Court Clarifies Arbitration Right Under Direct Action Statute," ABA, Section of Litigation, August 2022
- "Third Circuit Alters Sequencing of Questions Raised in Section 1 of Federal Arbitration Act," ABA, Section of Litigation, December 2021
- "Improving Attorneys' Fees and Interest Awards," ABA Just Resolution Newsletter, May 2021
- "Computer Signatures and Arbitration Agreements May Not Mix," ABA, Section of Litigation, January 27, 2021
- Originator, co-author and co-editor, "New Jersey Federal Civil Procedure, 1989-2022 Edition," ALM, 2022
- "NJ Supreme Court Returns to Basics—FAA Section 5 and NJRUAA Section 11," ABA, Section of Litigation, November 2020
- "New Jersey Supreme Court Reaffirms Electronic Notice and Acceptance by Performance," ABA, Section of Litigation, October 2020
- "Federal Court Jurisdiction over FAA Confirmation Motions," ABA, Section of Litigation, October 2020
- "A Multiplicity of Procedures for Enforcing or Challenging an Award," ABA Just Resolution Newsletter, April 2020
- "So, There is an Award; Now What?" New Jersey Lawyer, April 2020
- "A Sleeper from the Third Circuit?" ABA, Section of Litigation, February 5, 2020
- "New Jersey Supreme Court Rights Course of Arbitrability," ABA, Section of Litigation, August 7, 2019
- "Reference to Nonexistent Arbitration Forum Nullifies Arbitration Agreement," ABA, Section of Litigation, March 8, 2018

Speaking Engagements

- Co-presenter, "*Top 10 Mistakes for Attorneys to Avoid in Arbitration*," New Jersey State Bar Association, 2026.

Professional Activities

- *New Jersey Law Journal*, Editorial Board member
- National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals, member
- College of Commercial Arbitration, fellow
- U.S. District Court, Historical Society, vice president and trustee
- NJ State Bar Association
  - Federal Practice Committee (now Section), past chair
  - International Law Section, past vice chair
  - Dispute Resolution Section, trustee
- NY State Bar Association
  - Commercial and Federal Practice Section
  - Alternative Dispute Resolution Section
- American Bar Association
  - Litigation section
  - Intellectual Property section (former member)
  - Dispute Resolution section
- New Jersey State Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association
- Association of the Federal Bar of the State of New Jersey
- American Bar Association