

OF COUNSEL

# Hon. Shira A. Scheindlin

## New York

55 Hudson Yards  
20th Floor  
New York, NY 10001  
Phone 212 446 2382

## PROFILE

**Appointed to the federal bench by former President Bill Clinton, the Hon. Shira A. Scheindlin served as a United States District Judge in the Southern District of New York for 22 years. Since leaving the bench in May 2016, Judge Scheindlin has overseen many mediations and arbitrations, and served as a court-appointed special master, mock trial judge, and expert witness.**

Throughout her more than two decades on the federal bench, Judge Scheindlin oversaw a wide range of high-profile matters relating to criminal law, financial services and securities laws, electronic discovery, civil rights and more. Her experience as a long-serving federal judge provides clients with a unique perspective on issues in pending and potential litigation, including mediation and arbitration. Most recently in her private neutral practice, her cases have included disputes involving intellectual property, insurance coverage, RMBS fraud litigation, securities fraud, maritime, partnership contracts, construction, mass torts, employment, and other commercial matters.

Earlier in her career, she served as Chief Administrative U.S. Attorney and Deputy Chief of the Economic Crimes Unit in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York. She was also general counsel of the New York City Department of Investigations and a Magistrate Judge in the Eastern District. Additionally, she sat by designation on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second and Ninth Circuits. Since leaving the bench, Judge Scheindlin has conducted well over a hundred mediations and arbitrations.

## EXPERIENCE



## PRACTICES

Global Investigations and White Collar Defense

Arbitration

Mediation

Special Master

Expert Witness

Mock Trials

## EDUCATION

**Cornell Law School**, J.D., *cum laude*

**Columbia University**, M.A.

**University of Michigan**, B.A.

## ADMISSIONS

### Bars

New York

U.S. Supreme Court

## AWARDS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Best Lawyers in America, Arbitration, Mediation (2024, 2025)

The American Lawyer's Lifetime Achievement Award (2019)

Francis McGovern Writing Award, Academy of Court  
Appointed Masters (2019)

Judge Scheindlin's significant arbitrations include:

- A large commercial/bankruptcy case in which a portion of a group of secured lenders, signatories to certain credit documents, sought millions of dollars, claiming that they were not allocated a fair share of the proceeds of the collateral that secured the loan following a sale of assets under section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code
- A commercial transaction between two pharmaceutical companies with one claiming that a stream of payments (totaling millions of dollars) continued to be owed to the other based on an asset purchase agreement, despite the lack of success of the product
- A catastrophic accident in which plaintiffs claimed they were injured as a result of a battery defect in a computer manufactured by a major computer manufacturer
- Cybersecurity issues in the loss of funds by an investor in a cryptocurrency exchange
- A major construction dispute involving the building of wind turbines
- Trademark dispute involving a very famous mark and a major retailer selling alleged knock-off and counterfeit goods
- Two cases involving breakups of a billion dollar real estate company and another involving the break of remaining two shareholders in the intellectual property of a famous musical entertainment company
- An attorneys' fees dispute among successful plaintiffs' counsel in a shareholder derivative action against a large pharmaceutical company

## PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

**Enforceable Arbitral Subpoenas: What to Know**, New York Arbitration Week 2024

**Digital Dilemmas: Adapting Arbitration to Technological Evolution – A NY Perspective**, New York Arbitration Week 2023

**If the Supreme Court Abolishes Affirmative Action, Here's What Women Need to Do**, The New York Times

**Democrats: Fill All Judicial Vacancies Now! | Opinion**, Newsweek

**The Racist Attacks Against Kristen Clarke End Now. The Senate Must Confirm Her | Opinion**, Newsweek

**Virtual v. In Person ADR: What Does the Future Hold?**, Reuters

**Life in Lockdown: How Retired Judge Shira Scheindlin Adapted to Remote Lawyering**, Law.com

**I Was the Judge in the Stop-and-Frisk Case. I Don't Think Bloomberg Is Racist.**, The New York Times

## Lawdragon 500 Hall of Fame (2019)

The Stanley H. Fuld Award for Outstanding Contributions to Commercial Law and Litigation, New York State Bar Association (2014)

Distinguished Jurist Award, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (2008)

William Nelson Cromwell Award for unselfish service to the profession and the community, New York County Lawyers Association (2007)

Edward Weinfeld Award for Distinguished Contributions to the Administration of Justice, New York County Lawyers (2005)

William J. Brennan Award, Criminal Law Section, New York State Bar Association (2003)

Robert L. Haig Award for Distinguished Public Service, Commercial & Federal Litigation Section, New York State Bar Association (2001)

Special Achievement Award in Appreciation and Recognition of Sustained Superior Performance of Duty, U.S. Department of Justice (1980)

Fellow, College of Commercial Arbitrators

Chair, Federal Courts Subcommittee of the Standing Committee on the American Judicial System, American Bar Association

Member, Advisory Council, Cornell Law School

Former Member, Advisory Committee on the Federal Rules of Civil Rules of the Judicial Conference of the United States (1998-2005)

Member, former Chair, Commercial and Federal Litigation Section, New York State Bar Association

Member, Council on Judicial Administration, Association of the Bar of the City of New York

Board of Directors, Justice Resource Center (formerly Mentor)

Judicial Advisory Board, The Sedona Conference

Co-Chair of the Board of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law

Board of Directors (Executive Committee), American Constitution Society

---

## GOVERNMENT SERVICE

x

U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of New York

U.S. Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of New York

**If Roe v Wade is Overturned, We Should Worry About the Rule of Law**, The Guardian

**Conservatives' Assault on the Supreme Court is a Judicial Tragedy in the Making**, The Guardian

**Trump's Judges are a Giant Step Backward for America**, The Guardian

**We Should All Defend Judges**, The New York Law Journal

**Upholding the Louisiana Abortion Law Would Shred the Supreme Court's Credibility on the Constitution—and on Race**  
**I Opinion**, Newsweek

**A New ADR Development: Mass Arbitrations**, Reuters

**Should Brett Kavanaugh Occupy the Swing Vote Seat? His Judicial Record Says No**, The Guardian

**Trump is Capturing the Judiciary at an Alarming Rate**, The Guardian

**Trump's Crazy Choices for the Courts**, The New York Times

**Trump's Judges Will Call the Shots for Years to Come. The Judicial System is Broken**, The Guardian

**Female Lawyers Can Talk, Too**, The New York Times

**America's Trial Court Judges: Our Front Line for Justice**, The New York Times

Embracing Change: A Pioneer Reflects on Her Varied Career,  
The Litigation Journal

Co-author, Electronic Discovery and Digital Evidence in a  
Nutshell, West Academic Publishing

Co-author, Electronic Discovery and Digital Evidence, Cases and  
Materials, American Casebook Series, West Academic  
Publishing

Random Thoughts of a Federal District Judge, Fourth Annual  
Institute for Investor Protection Conference: The New Landscape  
of Securities Fraud Class Actions, Loyola University Chicago Law  
Journal, Vol. 46, No. 3.

Big Data and Privacy: Finding the Balance, New York Law Journal

The Impact of Race and Policing -- Past, Present, and  
Future, National Black Law Journal

Co-author, Criminal Law Catches Up: New ESI Guidelines Issued,  
New York Law Journal

The Future of Litigation, New York Law Journal

Co-author, Sanctions in Electronic Discovery Cases: Views from  
the Judges, 78 Fordham Law Review

**Selected Presentations:**

Chief Administrative U.S. Attorney and Deputy Chief of the  
Economic Crimes Unit in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the  
Eastern District of New York

General Counsel of the New York City Department of  
Investigations

Sat by designation on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the  
Second and Ninth Circuits

---

Speaker, Artificial Intelligence in the Courts and the Use of Special Masters, PREX Conference

Speaker, Undermining the Courts: The Consequences for American Democracy, ABA Annual Meeting

Speaker, If Not Now, When? Achieving Equality for Women Attorneys in the Courtroom and in ADR

#### Law Schools

Columbia Law School

Duke Law School

Fordham Law School

Harvard Law School

John Jay College of Criminal Justice

NYU Law School

NYU Center for Civic Justice

UCLA Law School

University of Chicago Law School

University of Cincinnati School of Law

Yale Law School

#### Bar Associations

American Bar Association

Chicago Bar Association

Connecticut Federal Bar Association

Federal Bar Council

New York City Bar Association

New York State Bar Association

Orlando Federal Bar Association

South Asian Bar Association

Westchester Bar Association

#### Companies

American International Group

Deutsche Bank

General Motors

National Judicial College

Professional Associations

American Constitution Society

American Employment Law Council

ARIAS-US 2018 Fall Conference

College of Commercial Arbitrators

Conflict Prevention & Resolution (CPR)

Defense Research Institute

Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law

Mass Torts Made Perfect

New York International Arbitration Center

Philadelphia Diversity Law Group

Practicing Law Institute

Sedona Conference

---

Copyright © 2024 Boies Schiller Flexner LLP.  
All Rights Reserved.

Attorney Advertising.  
Prior results do not guarantee a similar outcome.