

Hon. Mark Falk (Ret.)

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Practice Areas

- Business & Commercial Litigation
- Class Action Defense
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Labor & Employment
- Mediation, Arbitration & Special Master Appointments
- Products Liability & Mass Tort
- Trade Secrets & Employee Mobility

States Admitted to Practice:

- New Jersey
- New York

Courts Admitted to Practice:

- United States Tax Court
- Supreme Court of the United States
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

Education:

- New York Law School, J.D. (*cum laude*)
- Antioch College, B.A.

Affiliations:

- New Jersey State Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association
- Essex County Bar Association
- Fellow of the American Bar Association
- Former Trustee of the Legal Services Foundation
- Published Member of the Law Review, New York Law School

The Honorable Mark Falk (Ret.) joined Walsh after a distinguished judicial career, having served 19 years on the federal bench. Judge Falk leads the firm's Mediation, Arbitration and Special Master Appointments practice and serves clients in a broad range of matters across numerous areas of law, including pharmaceutical patents litigation, commercial and insurance law, bankruptcy, employment law, products liability, corporate governance, internal investigations, securities litigation, and others.

In recognition of his years of excellent service, in 2019, Judge Falk's colleagues in the District of New Jersey named him as the Court's first Chief Magistrate Judge. Judge Falk is the author of hundreds of opinions in a wide range of areas including products liability, discovery and eDiscovery disputes, intellectual property, employment law, and a multitude of other topics reflecting the broad array of cases within the jurisdiction of the federal courts. During his nearly two-decade tenure, he mediated both complex and more routine matters, conducting well over a thousand mediations and settlement conferences, with most resulting in settlement.

Judge Falk is the Immediate Past President of the Federal Magistrate Judge's Association and served two terms on the Advisory Committee on the Administration of the Magistrate Judge System in Washington.

In addition, Judge Falk served as the Compliance Judge in charge of administering the District Court's Mediation Program and held positions on several other U.S. District Court committees, including the Rules Committee.

Before taking on the judgeship, Judge Falk was a partner with several top law firms during 25 years in private practice. He specialized in complex litigation and served as lead trial counsel in numerous high-profile trials in the state and federal courts.

Judge Falk currently serves as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Fordham Law School and at Rutgers Law School. He has lectured on a variety of legal topics at numerous other law schools and continuing legal education seminars including the New Jersey ICLE, the Federal Judicial Conference for continuing judicial education, and the New York Intellectual Property Association.

Accolades

- *Best Lawyers in America*® (2025-Present)
- Lifetime Achievement Award, Essex County Bar Association (2023)

Speaking Engagements

- Speaker, "Best Practice for Successful Results in ADR Proceedings," *CLE* (February 2026)
- Speaker, "Purdue Pharma: A Crash Course in Mass Torts and Bankruptcy," *CLE, Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey* (July 2024)