

HEMALEE J. PATEL

EMPLOYMENT

Supreme Court of the State of New York, Richmond County

Court Attorney-Referee

November 2012 - present

Conduct trials/hearings of financial issues in matrimonial matters, including equitable distribution, child support and maintenance. Issue decisions or reports; supervise discovery and decide motions, including post-judgment applications. Manage calendar and all administrative functions of the part.

Law Office of Hemalee J. Patel, Brooklyn, New York

September 2011 - October 2012

Represent clients in all phases of matrimonial and family court actions, including divorces, post-judgment applications, enforcement applications, child support proceedings, custody proceedings and adoptions.

Preston, Stutman & Partners, New York, New York

Partner

November 2011 - October 2012

Represent clients in all aspects of complex, high-net worth matrimonial litigation.

Supreme Court of State of New York, New York County

Hon. Deborah A. Kaplan

Principal Law Clerk to Acting Justice

January 2009 - June 2011

Researched and prepared draft memoranda and draft decisions for the court in dedicated matrimonial trial part. Conducted pretrial and motion conferences on all cases before the court, including settlement conferences involving attorneys, litigants and self-represented parties. Assisted in calendar management and in supervision of staff and law school interns.

Supreme Court of State of New York, Kings County

January 2001 - December 2008

Hon. Rachel A. Adams

Principal Law Clerk to Acting Justice

Special Referee (in Richmond County)

Designated by Hon. Jonathan Lippman as a Special Referee to hear and determine/report on financial issues in matrimonial actions.

Family Court of the City of New York, Brooklyn, New York

Court Attorney

February 2001 - January 2003

Conferenced cases with attorneys, law guardians and self-represented litigants in custody/visitation and Article 8 part. Prepared draft decisions for the judge on trials, motions and "Objections to Decision of Hearing Examiner".

Bondorowsky and Patel, Brooklyn, New York

Partner

February 1995 - January 2001

Represented individuals in all phases of Family Law and Matrimonial Law litigation. Managed practice and supervised

staff.

Goidel & Siegel, New York, New York

Of Counsel

May 1993 - January 1995

General practice

Patel and Fishman, New York, New York

Partner

May 1992 - April 1993

General Practice

EDUCATION

Brooklyn Law School, Brooklyn, New York

J.D. 1991

New York University, New York, New York

B.A. 1988

MEMBERSHIPS AND PUBLIC SERVICE

- Brooklyn Bar Association, Trustee and Member of the Board of Directors
- Matrimonial Practice Advisory and Rules Committee for Chief Administrative Judge, Member
- Brooklyn Women's Bar Association, Member, Former President, Vice-President. Treasurer and Board member
- Women's Bar of the State of New York, Former Co-Chair of Access to Justice Committee and International Women's Rights Committees
- South Asian Bar Association of New York, Member
- Bay Ridge Lawyers Association, Member
- Former Arbitrator, Civil Court of City of New York, Brooklyn, New York
- Former Member of Community Board 2, Brooklyn, New York; Chair of Transportation and Public Safety Committee (2001 -2014)
- Center for Anti-Violence Education, Brooklyn, New York, Former Board Member
- Sakhi for South Asian Women, New York, New York, Former Board Member

TRAINING

Mediator - Family and Divorce Mediation Training (2011, New York Center for Interpersonal Development)

- Recipient of the Brooklyn Women's Bar Association's 2011 Sybil Hart Kooper Award