

Resume of
JUSTICE RALPH YACHNIN

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Judge Ralph Yachnin was born in New York City on November 7, 1927. He enlisted in the United States Army in February, 1946, and served in the Security and Intelligence Division. Upon being honorably discharged in June, 1947, he entered Long Island University on a New York State Scholarship and earned a Bachelor of Science in Accountancy degree in 1950. He received a Bachelor of Laws degree from Brooklyn Law School in 1953, and a Master of Laws Degree in 1963. (The Bachelor of Laws degree was subsequently converted to a Juris Doctor degree.)

Judge Yachnin was admitted to the Bar of the State of New York in 1954, and subsequently to the Southern and Eastern Federal District Courts of New York, the Circuit Court and the United States Supreme Court.

Judge Yachnin practiced law for twenty-three years. During that time he was also counsel to an Assemblyman for two years, and for a subsequent two years he was the Albany, N. Y. Legislative Consultant to the Town of Hempstead (population 820,000). Thereafter he became a member of the Hempstead Town Board of Zoning Appeals for five years. In 1977 he was elected as Judge of the Nassau County District Court, and was re-elected in 1983 for an additional six year term. In 1985 he was elected as a New York State Supreme Court Justice for a fourteen year term. Justice Yachnin retired in May, 1995 and moved to his present address in Florida in August, 1995.

In December, 1995, Judge Yachnin was certified by the

Supreme Court of the State of Florida as a Circuit Court Mediator, and subsequently certified as a Mediator for the Federal District Court. He has mediated approximately 100 cases in both the State and Federal courts.

The following are some of the organizations the Judge held office in: President of the Elmont Center Civic Association, Exalted Ruler of the Elmont Elks, Cub Master of Pack 386, New York State Judge Advocate for the Jewish War Veterans, President of the Jewish Lawyers Association of Nassau County, Treasurer of the YMCA, Trustee of Temple B'nai Israel of Elmont, Trustee of Temple Judea of Valley Stream, and President of the Elmont Lions.

In addition he was a member of the Nassau County Bar Association, New York State Bar Association, Queens County Bar Association, Corona Lawyers, Long Beach Lawyers, American Legion, Amvets, Kiwanis, Sons of Italy, West Nassau Mental Health Association, B'nai Brith, District Court Judges Association and Supreme Court Judges Association.

Judge Yachnin has had articles published in the New York Law Journal and in other periodicals. He has also lectured at Law Schools and before Bar Associations. In addition he has written many decision dealing with seminal issues on many phases of the law.

Elaine and Ralph Yachnin were married in 1951. They are the proud parents of two sons and the grandparents of two girls.