

# George D. Royster, Esq.

**Education:** Lafayette College (A.B. 1963). Washington University School of Law (J.D. 1966)

**Current Employer-Title:** Co-Chairman of the Commercial Litigation Department at Halloran & Sage in Hartford.

**Profession:** Litigation Attorney, Arbitrator, Mediator and Special Master in United States District Court for Connecticut.

**Work History:** Private trial practice; 1966 to present. Partner at Halloran & Sage 1972 to present.

**Experience:** Represented plaintiffs and defendants in complex commercial litigation and tort cases since 1966. Particular experience is in areas of contract disputes, contract repudiation, fraud, misrepresentations, aiding and abetting, civil conspiracy, third party liability, fiduciary duty, partnership disputes, minority shareholder disputes, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, piercing the corporate veil, equitable claims and defenses, the Lanham Act, the Connecticut Unfair Trade Practices Act (CUTPA). Attorney Royster has tried over 100 civil jury cases to a conclusion and is familiar with the rules of civil procedure and the rules of evidence.

**Alternative Dispute Resolution Experience:** Arbitrator in numerous commercial cases including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Computer software licensing case involving claims up to \$230M. Attorney Royster was chairman of a 3 arbitrator panel and the case went to a conclusion after about 11 hearing days. (2008)
2. Hospital and health insurer contract dispute involving substantial claims and legal and equitable defenses. Attorney Royster was chairman of a 3 arbitrator panel. (2009)
3. Sales contract recovery case with defective product and counterclaim and equitable defenses. Attorney Royster was sole arbitrator. (2009)
4. Construction contract cases. (1985-2000)
5. Many cases involving breach of commercial contract and their many defenses. (1985-2009)
6. Cases involving banking disputes. (2006)
7. Because of his long experience in trial work, and as an arbitrator, and as a Special Master in the United States District Court, attorney Royster is trained in pre-hearing and hearing procedures. Because of this experience and training, he can often make the process more efficient while keeping an eye on finding ways to allow all relevant and necessary evidence to be considered.

Attorney Royster has actively been handling arbitrations since approximately 1985 and has handled approximately 75 cases as arbitrator. In addition, he has tried approximately 10 arbitration cases as an attorney for plaintiffs or defendants. In addition, attorney Royster is also a Special Master in the United States District Court and has handled matters there involving discovery, privilege logs, in camera inspections, the attorney-client privilege, the work product doctrine, the common interest doctrine, aiding and abetting, civil conspiracy and contempt.

**Alternative Dispute Resolution Training:** Alternative Dispute Resolution Symposium (Quinnipiac University, 2008); Arbitrator Ethics and Disclosure (2008 AAA); Managing Cases Involving Self Represented Parties (2008 AAA); Dealing With Delay Tactics in Arbitration (2006 AAA); Chairing an Arbitration Panel (2005 AAA); Managing Procedures, Process & Dynamics, Hartford (12/05); Arbitrator Roundtable on Discovery: Enough is Enough, or is it?, East Hartford (10/04); Arbitrator Roundtable: The Revised Commercial Arbitrator Code of Ethics: What Does it Mean for You?, East Hartford (2/04); Attended AAA Neutrals Conference, Providence (8/03); Arbitration Awards (AAA): Safeguarding, Deciding & Writing Awards, Providence (8/03); Annual Arbitrator Update 2002; AAA Commercial Arbitrator II Training, Hartford (2/01); AAA Commercial Arbitrator Training, Hartford (2/00). Completed the FINRA Basic Arbitrator Training, 2008. Attended Advanced Arbitrator Training by the ADR Center, 2009. Attended the Neutrals Meeting of the Academy of Court Appointed Masters, 2009.

**Licenses:** Admitted to the bar: Connecticut, 1966. U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut. Second U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, and Supreme Court of the United States.

**Honors and Certifications:** Certified civil trial lawyer (since 1982) by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. Member (since 1982): American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA). Academy of Court Appointed Masters (since 2007). Past Chairman of the Connecticut Bar Association Civil Justice Section. Commissioner of the Connecticut Judicial Selection Commission (1996-2000). Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and the Connecticut Bar Foundation.

**Publications and Speaking Engagements:** How To Survive Deposition & Cross-Examination, Education & Research Foundation of the Connecticut Society of CPA's (2008); Safeguarding the Attorney-Client Privilege for In-House Counsel, America Law Firm Association (ALFA 2008); "Highlights of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002," CONNECTICUT LAW TRIBUNE, September 2002; Equitable Remedies, ALFA 2008; "Protecting Business Assets Under the Lanham Act," FOR THE DEFENSE, vol. 44, no. 6, June 2002; numerous other publications on products liability, the Connecticut Tort Reform Act, and jurisdiction.

**Compensation:** \$300 per hour for claims less than \$75,000. \$350 per hour for claims from \$75,000 to \$1M. \$400 per hour for claims over \$1M. Study time, research and telephone conference time will be charged. Travel time is charged at one-half time plus travel costs, and lodging billed at cost. Cancellation of a hearing less than 48 business day hours notice will be charged at one 8-hour day, 3 hour daily minimum. First hearing day 8 hours minimum charge. Will travel nationally and internationally.