



HON. PAUL J. BAISLEY, JR.

Justice, Supreme Court of the State of New York, Suffolk County (Ret.)

The Honorable Paul J. Baisley, Jr. (Ret.) has had a long and distinguished legal career that includes substantial experience as both a judge and a litigator. As a Justice of the New York Supreme Court, Suffolk County for 25 years, Justice Baisley presided over and settled more than a thousand cases, giving him a broad range of experience and knowledge across numerous case types including commercial, employment, insurance, labor law, fraud, matrimonial, medical malpractice, negligence, personal injury, premises liability, and real property/ real estate (commercial and residential).

Justice Baisley was elected to the Supreme Court, 10th Judicial District, Suffolk County, in 1997. His time on the bench includes 17 years as the Supervising Judge of the Civil Trial courts in Suffolk County, while he simultaneously served as the Presiding Judge in the Trial Assignment Part (TAP). Prior to being assigned to TAP, Justice Baisley served four years as a trial judge. That was preceded by four years in a dedicated Matrimonial Part. His judicial career began when he was elected to serve as a judge for the Suffolk County District Court, Third District, where he sat from 1995-1997.

Prior to his service on the bench, Justice Baisley served as Assistant District Attorney for Suffolk County and then as a Deputy Bureau Chief in the Suffolk County Attorney's office. In that position, he represented the County and its police officers in negligence actions, commercial, employment, insurance, premises liability, real property, and Federal Civil Rights cases. Justice Baisley was also engaged in a successful general litigation practice where he litigated both commercial and personal Injury cases, as well as medical malpractice and municipal litigation matters.

Justice Baisley is known and respected for his legal acumen and his ability to resolve conflict in an unbiased manner. Practicing attorneys that have appeared before him have commented:

- “Truly one of the nicest and most intelligent jurists I have come across. Handles settlement discussions with great skill and fairness.”
- “He is always on time, he conferences cases evenhandedly, he understands the law, exceedingly respectful and fair to attorneys. My entire firm gives Judge Baisley the highest possible rating.”
- “Judge Baisley is proactive when it comes to helping attorneys settle their cases.”
- “A terrific hard-working Judge. Fair to all sides.”

In 2013, Justice Baisley was designated a fellow in the ASTAR Judge Program (Advanced Science and Technology Adjudication Resource project) which provided an advanced level of scientific and technological training to better manage and adjudicate cases. He is also an Adjunct Professor at Suffolk Community College.

AREAS of EXPERIENCE

- Civil Rights
- Commercial
- Construction
- Employment Rights/Labor
- Environmental Law
- Insurance
- Legal Ethics/Professional Liabilities
- Matrimonial
- Medical Malpractice
- Municipal Law
- Negligence
- Personal Injury
- Premises Liability
- Property/Land Law/Leasing
- Torts & Product Liability
- Trusts & Estates
- Workers' Compensation

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS (selected)

- ***Berejka, et al v. Huntington Medical Group, P.C., et al, (610922/2021)***: involved issues alleging breach of fiduciary duty, constructive fraud, conversion and minority shareholder rights between a medical practice group and the estate of a shareholder radiologist who was a former member of the Group.
- ***Gesmer, et al v. The Administrative Board of the New York State Unified Court System, et al, (616980/2020)***: Article 78 petition directing Chief Judge Janet DiFiore to grant certification to judges who had been arbitrarily denied the right to serve until age 76.
- ***Fairview Nursing Care Center v. Beverly Moran, et al, (609614/2015)***: addressed issues of fraudulent conveyance, Statute of Frauds, estoppel and violations of New York Debtor & Creditor Law.
- ***Jay Obernauer, et al v. The Stony Brook Fire District, et al, (13827/2015)***: included claims of breach of fiduciary duty and the creation of a private nuisance.
- ***Behan v. Behan, (045442/2010)***: matrimonial related dispute that arose out of a stipulation of settlement in a divorce action alleging violations of New York Debtor & Creditor Law relating to partnership in a business.

LECTURES and PUBLICATIONS

- Adjunct Professor, Suffolk Community College, 2011-Present
- Panel Member, on numerous CLE programs for the Suffolk County Bar Association which included a course on Ethics and Civility
- Panel Member, *What Supreme Court Justices Want You to Know About Labor Law Accident Litigation*, National Business Institute

HONORS and AWARDS

- Judge of the Year, Nassau Suffolk Trial Lawyers Association, 2022
- President's Award, Suffolk County Bar Association, 2021
- ASTAR Fellow (Advanced Science and Technology Adjudication Resource)

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE

- Justice of the Supreme Court, 10th Judicial District, 1998-2023
 - Trial Assignment Part (TAP), 2006-2023
 - Regular Jury Trial Part, 2002-2005
 - Matrimonial Part, 1998-2001
- Judge, Suffolk County District Court, 1995-1997

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- Partner, Ahern & Baisley, 1993-1994
- Partner, Crimmins & Baisley, 1988-1992
- Assistant County Attorney / Deputy Bureau Chief, Suffolk County Attorney's Office, 1984-1987
- Assistant District Attorney, Suffolk County, 1983-1984

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES and ADMISSIONS

- New York State Bar
- United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- United States District Court, Eastern District of New York
- United States District Court, Southern District of New York
- United States Court of Military Appeals
- United States Tax Court

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS and ASSOCIATIONS

- Suffolk County Bar Association
- Former member, New York State Bar Association

EDUCATION

- New York Law School, J.D.
- Dickinson College, B.A.