**Anastasia Svigos**

**Attorney | Dispute Resolution Leader | Mediation Expert**

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**PROFILE**

An awarded, seasoned attorney with 11+ years of extensive experience in successful mediation and arbitration. Recognized as expert in handling the most difficult and emotional of conflicts, thrives on getting to the heart of the matter and allowing a new space for clearer understanding. Recognized as a skilled communicator, presenter and trainer of mediation skills to diverse audiences, including law students and attorneys. Brings a facilitative approach with exceptional listening and intuitive skills that ensure understanding of the uniqueness of every case and parties.

* Successfully mediated over 400+ cases ranging from marital and custody issues, real estate and business conflicts to estate and employment cases. Also skilled at facilitating workplace conflict and communication issues
* Served on both Cook County and Lake County Mandatory Arbitration Program
* A sought-after mediator, named 2021 Outstanding Mediation Volunteer by the NACM
* Created Mediation/Mediation Advocacy curriculum and instructed many aspiring attorneys in alternative dispute resolution and mediation

**STRENGTHS AND COMPETENCES**

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| * Confident Negotiator | * Real Estate/Mortgage | * Landlord/Tenant |
| * Resourceful/ Problem solver | * Juvenile | * Chancery |
| Skilled Presenter | * Adult Criminal Misdemeanor | * Divorce, Personal & Business |
| Mentor/Relationship Expert | * Commercial and Employment | * Contracts/Small claims |
| * Family Matters | * Guardianship/Parenting Agreements | * Stalking/No Contact |

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**COOK COUNTY MANDATORY ARBITRATION PROGRAM,** *Chicago, IL* 2003-Present

*Arbitrator*

* Handled, reviewed and rendered decisions

**CENTER FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION**, *Chicago, IL* 2010-Present

*Volunteer Mediator*

* 400+ mediations, spanning landlord/tenant, small claims, adult criminal misdemeanor, juvenile, chancery court cases, fee disputes, guardianship, post decree/parenting agreements, stalking/no contact and mortgage foreclosure, *2010-present*
* Mentor, trainer, evaluator and coach for students working toward mediation certification, *2011-present*
* Selection Committee for incoming volunteer applicants, *2015-present*
* Peer Review Committee, *2017-present*
* Member of Volunteer Council, the governing body for CCR volunteers, *2011-2014*
* Co-chair of Continuing Education and Training Committee, *2011-2013*

**FRESH FARMS MARKET, INC**., *Chicago, IL* 2011-Present

*Corporate Mediator for one of Chicago’s largest independent food retailer chains*

* Serves as central mediator for company, mediating disputes between employees and between management and employees, across all locations

**LAKE COUNTY MANDATORY ARBITRATION PROGRAM**, *Waukegan, IL*  2009-2016

*Arbitrator*

* Handled, reviewed and rendered decisions

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**THE JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL,** *Chicago, IL* 2013-2016

*Adjunct Faculty*

* Taught alternative dispute resolution, mediation, and mediation advocacy
* Created and modernized the class curriculum for Mediation and Mediation Advocacy

**NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY MEDIATION CERTIFICATE PROGRAM,** *Chicago, IL* 2013-Present

*Mediation Instructor and Trainer*

* Coach and evaluate general public in simulations as part of mediation certificate course

**CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY,** *Chicago, IL* 2014-Present

*Certified Mediator,* Law Division, Court-Annexed Mediation Program

*Certified Mediator,* Chancery Division, Court-Annexed Mediation Program*,*

*Certified Mediator,* Domestic Relations Division, Court-Annexed Mediation Program

**NANCY MURPHY AND ASSOC., MARITAL LAW**, *Chicago, IL* 2005-2008

*Associate Attorney*

* Represented clients, facilitated matrimonial dispute cases

**EDUCATION**

**THE JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL**, *Chicago, IL*

* Juris Doctorate: *January 1992*

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS**, *Chicago, IL*

* Bachelor’s in criminal justice and Bachelor’s in psychology: *June 1988*

**BAR ADMISSION**:Illinois

**PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION AND MEDIATION TRAINING**

**CENTER FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION**, *Chicago, IL, 2010-2015*

* Completed Mediation Skills Certification Program
* Post Decree and Guardianship Training
* Foreclosure Mediation Training
* Completed courses on Training, Mentoring and Counseling Mediation Students

**MEDIATION TRAINING AND CONSULTATION INSTITUTE (MTCI),** *Ann Arbor, MI, 2010*

* Divorce and Custody Mediation Training

**BASIC INTERDISCIPLINARY COLLABORATIVE TRAINING**, *Chicago, IL*, *2012*

**GLEACHER CENTER, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO**, *Chicago, IL, 2007*

* Completed 40-hour Mediation Skills Training course

**ACCOLADES**

**THE OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER AWARD** 2020

* The National Association for Community Mediation

**JACK-OF-ALL-TRADES AWARD** 2016

* Center For Conflict Resolution’s award, honoring consistent and well-rounded volunteerism

**PEACEMAKER OF THE YEAR AWARD** 2012

* Center For Conflict Resolution’s highest honor, chosen from amongst 250 volunteer mediators

**OTHER AFFILIATIONS /SKILLS**

* PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation, Board member and Promotional Chair
* Fluent in Greek