

THE HON. KENNETH J. GRISPIN, P.J.Cv. (Ret.)

Judge Grispin sat from June 27, 2008 – July 30, 2018 and served his first 2 years in the Family Division and the last 8 (plus) years as Presiding Judge of the Civil Division. From 2015-2017, he was the Chair of the Conference of Civil Presiding Judges and sat on Judicial Council.

Judge Grispin graduated from Rutgers College (1970) and Rutgers Law School-Newark (1973). He practiced for 35 years prior to his appointment to the bench and was continuously certified as a Civil Trial Attorney (1983) and Criminal Trial Attorney (1982). Representing both plaintiffs and defendants, in the civil arena he litigated cases involving complex environmental (and other) insurance coverage, professional liability, civil rights, employment discrimination (LAD), personal injury and contracts. He defended police officers in both the civil and criminal realms and defended individuals who were charged with crimes, or lesser offenses. He provided counsel to a firm on the American Stock Exchange, as well as a myriad of mid-size and smaller companies, associations and individuals.

Named the Professional Lawyer Of The Year for Union County by the New Jersey Commission On Professionalism In The Law in 2002, and a 2005-2007 Super Lawyer before his appointment to the bench, Judge Grispin chaired the Union County Auto Arbitration Committee for more than 18 years and sat on the Complementary Dispute Committee and the District XII Fee Arbitration and Ethics Committees. He was the 2019 recipient of the Hon. Edward J. Beglin, Jr. Civil Trial Attorney Of The Year Award, given by the Union County Bar Association. He continues as a Master in the Richard J. Hughes Inn of Court.

Judge Grispin was the President of the Rutgers Alumni Association from 1992-1993 and served on the Rutgers Board of Trustees from 1993-1999. He served the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity as a Foundation Board member (2001-2004) and two term Trustee (2004-2007 and 2018-2021).

During his eight-year tenure as Presiding Judge, and since his retirement from the bench, Judge Grispin taught the Civil Judicial Orientation Program, including motions, pretrial issues, trial issues, enforcement and demeanor to all of the Superior Court judges throughout the state who were assigned to the Civil Division. He has lectured numerous times at Judicial College, ICLE seminars, NJAJ seminars, NJSBA seminars and UCBA seminars on a myriad of substantive and procedural topics, and after his appointment to the bench, Judge Grispin served and continues to serve at Rutgers Law School-Newark as an Appellate Moot Court Judge, a Nathan Baker Trial Competition Judge and a Client Interview Judge.

Judge Grispin is Of Counsel at the firm of Javerbaum Wurgaft Hicks Kahn Wikstrom & Sinins mediating and arbitrating all types of civil disputes. He is married to Lizanne J. Ceconi, Esq. and they are the proud parents of Casey J. Grispin.