

Judge David G. Sacks (Ret.) served as a Hampden Probate and Family Court judge from 1986 until his mandatory retirement in 2020, including having been First Justice from 1992 to 2003.

He is currently vice chair of the Trial Court's Standing Committee on Dispute Resolution, having served as its chair from 2016-2020.

As a judge, he was involved in workgroups covering the full range of the jurisdiction of the Probate and Family Court. He has successfully completed trainings to be a Mediator and a Conciliator.

When serving as a Mediator — if the parties so desire — Judge Sacks is always happy to expand the role akin to conciliation to be able to offer case evaluative observations based on his judicial experiences.

Judge Sacks wrote in the Forward to the TRIAL COURT STANDING COMMITTEE ON DISPUTE RESOLUTION UNIFORM RULES ON DISPUTE RESOLUTION (Jan. 2020)“Redbook” — “Over the years, the nomenclature has evolved from the term ADR to Dispute Resolution I view it in this manner. The “A” once stood for Alternative in ADR. With the availability of multiple dispute resolution options , the “A” has become "Appropriate" dispute resolution as the many choices continue to weave themselves into the fabric of the court system for the benefit of litigants and the Bar.

Judge Sacks received the Gideon's Trumpet 2021 award from the Volunteer Lawyers Project of the Boston Bar Association. He is a 2021-2022 Massachusetts Access to Justice Fellow, working with Senior Partners for Justice-West; is on the Hampden County Bar Association's Arbitration and Mediation Panel; the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Chapter of the A.F.C.C.; and is a youth mentor for the refugee resettlement program of Jewish Family Services in Springfield.