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STEVEN SARISOHN

Attorney Helps Others Resolve Disputes

When attorney Steven Sarisohn enters a mediation room, he typically confronts the same scene: individuals at odds glaring across a table at one another, arms folded, tension high. Frustrated, they insist there is simply no way to resolve their conflict.

Yet time after time, hundreds leave on speaking terms with mutually agreeable solutions, thanks to the skilled expertise of this seasoned litigator and the time he volunteers as a mediator. "Many times people find themselves in small claims court because they can no longer effectively communicate," Sarisohn says. "They have given up hope and use the court as their last resort. I help litigants resolve their disputes without having to resort to trial." He adds that he is fulfilled when the parties leave with a settlement in hand that each had a part in crafting. "It continually gives me hope that larger world issues can be resolved, too."

According to Hilary Hartung, Assistant Vice President of Marketing at the Education & Assistance Corporation (EAC), Sarisohn has been a valued volunteer at the organization's Community Mediation Center since 2000. Despite his busy schedule as a partner in a Commack law practice, he personally handles an average of 50 mediation cases annually. EAC provides alternative dispute resolution services to assist Long Islanders in resolving matters ranging from disagreements with neighbors, conflicts between parents and children, minor criminal offenses and small claims cases. Sarisohn is also an arbitrator for EAC's Lemon Law Program, which assists consumers in settling disputes involving new and used vehicles.

"Steve has a genuine understanding of the mediation process and makes each person feel that they are listened to and not judged," says EAC Program Director Jenine Perrone.

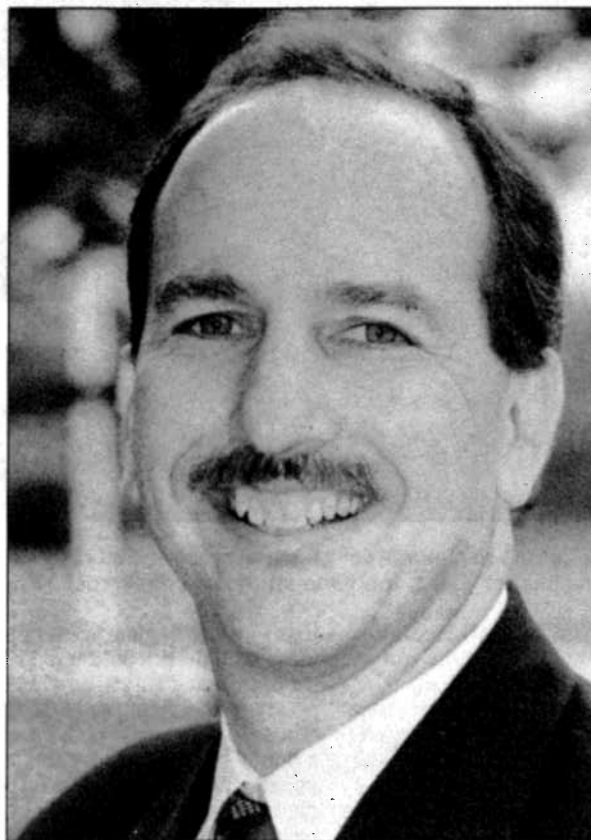


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and exhibits a rare sensitivity to cultural differences."

"I find it rewarding to help people reopen the lines of communication and solve their disputes."

Dedicated to his community in many ways, Sarisohn is a member of the Executive and the Board of Trustees at Temple Beth in Commack and served as a coach mock trial team at Torah Academy of He has volunteered at Boy Scouts of A APPLE and several other organizations have recognized his contributions with awards. "I believe that we should all contribute our time, skills, talent and toward making our community a better place."

Married with two daughters, Sarisohn, 47, resides in Commack.

—Claire Curry