

Miller Canfield Principal Clarence Pozza Jr. Partners with Two Federal Judges to Open JAMS Office

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Miller Canfield, a global law firm headquartered in Detroit, is pleased to announce that one of its longtime principals, Clarence “Rocky” Pozza Jr., will retire from the firm to partner with two federal judges, well-known for their recent work on the City of Detroit bankruptcy, to start a Detroit office of Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services (JAMS).

Pozza was a managing director of Miller Canfield for 10 years, and headed the firm’s litigation group for eight years. He and former Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court of the Eastern District of Michigan Gerald Rosen, who was a mediator in the city’s bankruptcy, and now-retired U.S. bankruptcy court Eastern District of Michigan Judge Steven Rhodes, who oversaw the Detroit bankruptcy, plan to open JAMS in April 2017.

Pozza has been with Miller Canfield since 1974. He welcomes the opportunity to work with two federal judges who are so widely respected.

“This is the perfect opportunity for me to transition at this point in my life,” Pozza said. “I have been at a great law firm for 42 years, and have many wonderful friends and colleagues there. I am doing many mediations now and want to remain active in this area of practice.”

Though he has not said how large the JAMS office will be, Pozza said that the office will be full-service and will include services such as evaluations, investigations, and master and receiver work.

“While we will miss Rocky when he retires, we are all happy for him and excited about his future venture,” said Miller Canfield CEO Mike McGee. “We are also pleased that he will again be working with Judge Rosen, who was a partner here until he was appointed to the bench.”