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Nationality, Date of Birth	USA, Feb. 8, 1958

Education

Cornell University, BA, 1980
Cornell University, doctoral program in Dramaturgy, 1980-83
Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University, JD magna cum laud, 1992

Career

Law Practice:

Partner (Business Litigation), Dickstein Shapiro – 2001-2013
Associate (Business Litigation), Baer Marks & Upham – 1996-2001
Associate (General Litigation), Weil Gotshal & Manges – 1992-1996

Teaching:

Adjunct Professor of Law, Cardozo School of Law – 1998-present

Mediator:

American Arbitration Association (2012-present)
International Centre for Dispute Resolution (2012-present)
ICC/USCIB (2013-present)
CPR (Entertainment, Franchise and NY Commercial panels) (2013-present)
Southern District of New York (by appointment from the federal court) (2011-present)
Supreme Court of New York, Commercial Division (by appointment from the court) (2014-present)
Arbitrator: see below

Current Position

Self-employed full time arbitrator and mediator
Adjunct Professor Law, Cardozo School of Law

Professional Memberships

Bar admissions:

New York
Federal court – Southern District of New York; Eastern District of New York
Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
United States Supreme Court

Bar associations:

New York State Bar Association
New York City Bar Association
American Bar Association

Specialisations

Business and commercial litigation and dispute resolution; employment disputes; entertainment disputes; franchising and licensing disputes; distributorships; partnerships, limited partnerships and shareholder disputes; aviation; alcoholic beverage distribution.

Arbitration Experience

Has served as domestic and international arbitrator (either solo or part of 3-person panel) presiding over dozens of

commercial, business and securities disputes. Member of the following panels:

American Arbitration Association (Commercial Panel) – 2007-present

International Centre for Dispute Resolution – 2011-present

FINRA (formerly NASD) – 1998-present

ICC/USCIB – 2013-present

CPR (Franchise, Entertainment and NY Commercial panels) – 2013-present

Recent representative cases:

- Solo international arbitrator presiding over commercial dispute involving sales representation agreement between U.S. manufacturer and Canadian seller.
- Solo international arbitrator presiding over commercial dispute involving sales of women's clothing accessories by Swiss manufacturer.
- Member of three-person international arbitration panel presiding over dispute between Chinese manufacturer and large U.S. appliance company.
- Solo arbitrator presiding over dispute involving physician and a large health insurance company.
- Solo arbitrator presiding over dispute between energy company and a solar heating technology supplier.
- Solo arbitrator presiding over dispute between telephone switching equipment provider and technology licensor.
- Solo arbitrator presiding over dispute involving proceeds from settlement of patent infringement case relating to fire suppression technology used in the aerospace industry.
- Party-selected wing arbitrator on three-person panel presiding over dispute between television advertizing sales firm and television station.
- Party-selected wing arbitrator on three-person panel presiding over dispute between investor and motion picture production company.
- Solo arbitrator presiding over dispute between charter school and its fundraising firm.
- Solo arbitrator presiding over dispute involving asset sale of women's health club.
- Solo arbitrator presiding over dispute between a New York theatre and an actor.
- Solo arbitrator presiding over dispute involving cancellation of wilderness tour sponsored by nationally renown museum in New York City.
- Solo arbitrator presiding over dispute between uniform supply company and New York City restaurant.

Publications

- Author, "An Alignment of the Stars for International Arbitration in New York", Corporate Disputes Magazine, October 2013.
- Co-Author (with Edna Sussman), "Drafting the Arbitration Clause: A Primer on the Opportunities and the Pitfalls", Dispute Resolution Journal, April 2012.
- Author, "The Perils of Over-Zealous Advocacy", New York Law Journal, September 12, 2011.
- Author, "Ambac: An Investor's Lifeline", Law360, "Expert Analysis", August 15, 2011.
- Author, "Is That Conversation Really Privileged?", New York Law Journal, June 9, 2011.
- Author, "Is Your Arbitration Clause Helping You Or Hurting You?", New York Law Journal, April 14, 2011.
- Author, "The Successor Corporation's Continuing Duty to Warn," 23 Product Safety & Liability Reporter, (BNA) 990 (1995) (cited with approval in Restatement (Third) of Torts (Products Liability) (1998)).

Languages

English
French (proficient)
Italian (fair)