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Current Employer-Title Comprehensive Arbitration & Mediation Services, Inc. (CAMS) - President

Profession Mediator, Arbitrator

Work History Counsel, Westerman Ball Ederer Miller Zucker & Sharfstein, LLP, 2014-2020; Partner, Kurre Levy Schneps LLP, 2012-2014; Member, Levy & Schneps P.C., 1979-2012; Member, Meltzer Lippe Levy & Goldstein P.C., 1974-1979; Attorney, Sole Practitioner, 1971-1974; Associate, Kronish Leib Shainswit Weiner & Hellman, 1968-1971.

Experience Dispute resolution (ADR) and litigation experience includes concentration in commercial and employment disputes with an emphasis on shareholder and partnership rights (see, e.g., *Matter of Johnsen v. ACP Distribution Inc.*, 31 A.D.3d 172 (1st Dep't 2006); *Matter of Piekos*, 28 Misc. 3d 1220(A) (Sup. Ct. Westchester Co. 2010), corporation, LLC and partnership dissolutions, including valuations. ADR, litigation and transactional experience also includes concentrations in drafting, litigating and arbitrating and mediating cases involving shareholder, partnership and operating agreements, employment contracts, non-compete, non-disclosure and confidentiality agreements. Litigation experience also includes complex trusts and estates disputes and Surrogate's Court practice, including trials. Transactional background has included representation of clients in all aspects of business, medical, dental, legal, accounting, and other professional corporate, partnership, LLC, LLP, and other business entity contracts and commercial matters, including organizational and governance matters, mergers, acquisitions, private placements, public offerings, real estate syndications, employment agreements and deferred compensation arrangements, and adoption and administration of defined benefit and defined contribution retirement plans.

Served as a neutral involving a broad range of subject matters, including Title VII, ADEA, EPA and other employment disputes, FLSA claims, §1983 civil rights actions, construction cases, environmental contamination claims, satellite transponder leases, securities brokerage cases, tax shelter investments, telecommunications cases, real property developments, joint ventures, franchise and fraud claims, hydroelectric power contract claims, hazardous substance cases, commercial and personal insurance coverage claims, employer withdrawal liability under ERISA, land reclamation issues from strip mining.

Appeared in state and federal courts in complex commercial litigation, arbitration and mediation, both as an advocate and neutral.

Has mediated more than 340 cases.

Mediator Experience	Substantial experience in mediating resolutions of federal and state court litigations and arbitrations involving business disputes, FLSA claims, Title VII, ADEA, EPA and other employment discrimination claims, shareholder and partnership lawsuits, environmental damage claims, commercial contract actions, licensing agreement disputes, estates and trusts proceedings, civil rights claims, insurance coverage issues, ERISA claims, and other subject matters. Has mediated more than 340 cases. Serves on numerous federal and state court mediation panels. Has served as Member of the ADR Department Advisory Council for the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York; has served as Member of the Mediator Advisory Committee, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York; and former Chair of the Nassau County Arbitration and Mediation Panels Advisory Council.
Representative Issues Handled as a Mediator	Representative issues include disputes involving a broad range of commercial transactions and contracts, FLSA, Title VII, ADEA and other employment discrimination cases, environmental contamination claims, property damage cases arising in a business/commercial context, insurance claims, and Section 1983 civil rights claims.
Mediator Style & Process Preferences	Employs the facilitative style of mediation in most cases. Occasionally, and when appropriate, may move to a more evaluative style. The latter most frequently occurs when a mediator's proposal is agreed to by the parties.
Technology Proficiency	Currently employs the use of Zoom for handling ADR most disputes.
Education	New York University School of Law (LL.M, Taxation - 1968); Boston University School of Law (J.D. - 1967); University of Connecticut (B.A. - 1964).
Professional Licenses	Admitted to the Bar: New York (1968); Connecticut (1967 - inactive); U.S. District Court: Southern (1971) and Eastern (1973) Districts of New York, District of Connecticut (1991); U.S. Court of Appeals: Second Circuit (2002); U.S. Tax Court (1975); U.S. Supreme Court (1991).
Professional Associations	New York State Bar Association; Nassau County Bar Association
Recent Publications & Speaking Engagements	Co-author, "Filing Claims in the Madoff Matter: Potential Booby Trap for Investors?" NEW YORK LAW JOURNAL, pg. 4, col. 4, February 25, 2009; Co-Presenter, "The ABC's of Drafting Arbitration Clauses," Dean's Hour, Nassau County Bar Association, June 2007; Speaker, "The Role of the Arbitrator In Expediting The Process," AAA, Garden City, New York, May 2003.
Locations Where Parties Will Not be Charged for Travel Expenses	New York City, Long Island and Westchester
Mediation Rate	\$500 Per Hour
Languages	English
Citizenship	United States of America
Locale	Cutchogue, NY

The AAA's Rules provide the AAA with the authority to administer a mediation including, mediator appointment, general oversight and billing. Accordingly, mediations that proceed without AAA administration are not considered AAA mediations, even when the parties select an mediator who is on the AAA's Roster.

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