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Professional Summary

Experienced domestic and international disputes attorney, proficient in handling complex arbitrations and multijurisdictional proceedings in a variety of industries, with particular expertise in technology and energy disputes.

Profession

Attorney

Work History

Partner, Womble Bond Dickinson (US) LLP, 2022-Present; Partner, Rimon P.C., 2020-2022; Counsel, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, 2009-2020; Trainee Solicitor, Clifford Chance LLP, 2007-2009.

Experience

Over 15 years as an attorney focusing on dispute resolution. Handle complex, often cross-border, disputes dealing with contractual issues as well as technical matters. Experienced in shareholder disputes, disputes involving international acquisitions and divestitures, and joint venture agreements. Particular expertise in technology sector disputes, with clients in the AI, EdTech, FinTech, AdTech and MedTech spaces. Regularly handle privacy and cybersecurity issues, and complex issues relating to software implementation failure and licensing disputes. Also significant experience handling energy disputes, in particular in the oil and gas industry. Experience includes technical matters related to production sharing agreements and liquified natural gas (LNG) projects as well as shareholder and contractual matters. Additionally, experienced in disputes in novel industries such as blockchain and cannabis.

Mediator Experience

Currently serves as a mediator for the U.S. District Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, as part of the D.C. Circuit's mediation program.

Representative Issues Handled as a Mediator

Served as a mediator in numerous civil and commercial actions, as well as a range of family and child custody-related disputes.

Mediator Style & Process Preferences	I believe preparation is key to a successful mediation. I prepare by learning as much as I can about the dispute before we begin, and I encourage the parties to prepare by focusing on the issues in dispute and possible outcomes. In the mediation, my approach is facilitative: the parties know their dispute better than I do and they will have to live with the outcome. I encourage a full exploration of the issues perceived by each party, and then assist in generating options and thinking outside of the usual remedies available in litigation or arbitration. If necessary, and if the parties desire it, I am able to take a more evaluative approach given my experience as a litigator, and can help the parties assess the merits of their respective cases and consider the “BATNA” – the best alternative to a negotiated agreement. Often, cases that do not settle on the day of the mediation will settle afterwards, and if the parties agree, I follow up after the mediation session to continue assisting the parties to achieve resolution.
Technology Proficiency	Familiar with all online video conference platforms. Willing to conduct arbitration hearings in person, via video conference or hybrid formats. Willing to receive all submissions and evidence in electronic format (paper submissions are neither required nor desired).
Education	Georgetown University (LLM-2007); BPP Law School (GDL, LPC-2006); University of Leeds (BA-2004).
Professional Licenses	Admitted to the Bar: New York (2016); District of Columbia (2024). Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales (2009).
Professional Associations	Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb); London Court of International Arbitration North American Users Council; Silicon Valley Mediation and Arbitration Center; International Association of Privacy Professionals; ArbTech; ArbitralWomen; CyberArb; Rising Arbitrator Initiative.
Recent Publications & Speaking Engagements	Speaking Engagements: Panelist, GDPR and Tech, OneTrust, May 2023; Moderator, Hacked in Arbitration, SVAMC and CyberArb, June 2022; Panelist, Political and economic sanctions and the assessment of damages in international arbitration, Ninth Annual Damages in International Arbitration Conference, December 2021; Panelist, Airside: Where Big Data and Security Converge, Okera, June 2021; Organizer, Parental Mentorship Programme – a bi-monthly forum for Arbitral Women members to share concerns, experiences and tips on managing professional and parental commitments, online, 2020-present; Panelist, Women in Dispute Resolution: Navigating the New Normal, Adapting Career Strategies, and Building Resilience After Covid-19, DLA Piper, Young Arbitral Women, online, 2020; Moderator, The Art of Advocacy: Tips, Tricks and War Stories, ICDR, Arbitral Women and Equal Representation in Arbitration, New York, 2019; Panelist, Diversity in International Arbitration: Perspectives on Today’s Changing Landscape and Careers in International Arbitration, CPR ADR, New York, 2018.
Mediation Rate	\$400 Per Hour
Languages	English
Citizenship	United Kingdom, United States of America
Locale	Washington, DC

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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