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Independent Arbitrator and mediator in private practice with memberships on the FINRA: Commercial Arbitration, American Arbitration Association: Commercial Panelist, Resolute Systems, Inc., CPR Institute, Federal Courts (USDC-NJ, ED-NY (Arb. Panel), & SDNY Mediation, New Jersey Superior Court Civil Mediation (R.1:40) & New York Commercial panels (NYC, Westchester & Rockland). With more than 25 years' experience in the financial services industry, I have been an in-house counsel and, or Chief Compliance Officer in New York and New Jersey.

Former Vice President/In-house counsel experienced in handling Litigation, Claims issues, Regulatory policy, Contract drafting, Product development and Corporate secretarial assignments. As a Senior Compliance Officer developed and implemented comprehensive compliance programs (including Federal Reserve Board requirements), advised on product development, managed regulatory relations, and drafted risk mitigating policies and corporate governance procedures. Past adjunct faculty member at Seton Hall Law School (NJ) for Insurance Law.

Commercial Arbitrator and Mediator with experience in contractual/business disputes, business loans, insurance/brokerage commission and interpleader disputes, construction, investment management, real property, employment/wages, and personal injury (including asbestos) disputes. Can read and speak Spanish.

Professional associations include: American Bar Association (Section on Dispute Resolution), Women in Dispute Resolution: Co-chair of Regional Chairs Committee; New York State Bar Association (Section on Dispute Resolution), Co-chair, Securities Arbitration Committee (Section on Commercial-Federal Litigation); Association of the Bar of the City of New York (Member, Arbitration Committee/Past Member, Mediation Committee), Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey; Member, Justice Marie L. Garibaldi American Inn of Court for ADR; Women Owned Law-NY; and, NJ Association of Professional Mediators: Officer & Member, Diversity Committee.

Rutgers-The State University of New Jersey: B.A. & J.D.; Admitted to practice in New Jersey & New York

Note: List below is a selective list of matters mediated or arbitrated.

Arbitration:

- Arbitrated multi-million-dollar commission claim between Brokers and Insurer and Counterclaims by insurer alleging Broker violation of underwriting guidelines
- Arbitrated several Insurer Premium claims against business insureds following business audits
- Arbitrated breach of warranty and contract claims between major food manufacturer and its carton provider
- Arbitrated under Construction Rules Joinder of non-signatory party to a Construction dispute between Contractor and sub-contractor
- Arbitrated Breach of Contract between Real-estate Developer and Lender
- Arbitrated B2B Account Receivables claims between Vendors and supplier
- FINRA Arbitrator since 2000 handling securities claims filed by Investors alleging Misrepresentation in Sales/Suitability Claims/ and Mismanagement of Investment Portfolios
- FINRA Arbitrator caseload has also included several high-level Sales Personnel Compensation/Bonus Claims
- Arbitrated Personal Injury claim against national van rental company
- Arbitrated Asbestos Injury claims filed against Injury Trust Fund Respondents
- Arbitrated several Breach of Contract claims involving major bank lender and business borrowers
- Arbitrated Breach of Contract between Inventory Financing company and Wine Retailer
- Arbitrated Violation of Truth in Lending Act claim by consumer and major clothing retailer
- Arbitrated distribution of proceeds of real estate sale concerning separate assets between divorced couple
- Arbitrated several Lemon Law Auto Cases

Mediation:

- Commercial dispute regarding outstanding payments for airline reservations between sales contractor and ticket vendor
- Several FLSA disputes

- Insurance Interpleader involving Metropolitan Life Insurance Employee Death Benefits Policy
- Commercial dispute between Locker Licensor and Recreational Trampoline Park Owner/Licensee
- Commercial dispute between Construction Company and a Subcontractor, NY Luxury Apt.
- ADA cases involving NY Restaurant Owners and disabled Claimants
- Claim for Employee Severance benefits between long term employee and CEO of Company
- Claim for breach of contract between U.S. Contractor and Foreign Vendor of technology workers
- Breach of contract claim between Aviation Company and Airplane Retrofitter regarding quality of work and materials
- Theft of Services Claim between restaurant owner and Sports Cable Licensor

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