



LAURA A KASTER

Laura A. Kaster brings to her full-time ADR practice over 30 years of experience in arbitration, mediation and settlement negotiations in a wide variety of complex commercial disputes.

Arbitration

Ms. Kaster is a Fellow of the College of Commercial Arbitrators and has served as an arbitrator for:

- American Arbitration Association
- International Center for Dispute Resolution (CPR)
- CPR Patent and IP Panel
- FINRA
- Better Business Bureau
- New York Courts Part 137 Fee Arbitrations

Mediation

Ms. Kaster is a CEDR accredited mediator and has been certified as a mediator by the International Mediation Institute (IMI). She served as a mediator for:

- American Arbitration Association
- CPR
- Roster of Mediators for Civil, General Equity and Probate cases for the New Jersey state court system
- Roster of Mediators for the Commercial Division Alternative Dispute Resolution Program for the Supreme Court of New York

Experience In-House

Ms. Kaster served as Chief Litigation Counsel for AT&T Corporation for almost 10 years before devoting herself full-time to dispute resolution. She was responsible for disputes involving multimillions of dollars in damages. These disputes included: breach of complex supplier agreements, shareholder actions, IP and contractual disputes relating to outsourcing agreements, and major customer disputes. Several of these matters involved multiple parties, including the resolution of AT&T's claims against 50 insurance carriers arising out of the damage to the World Trade Center on 9/11. Ms. Kaster represented AT&T in domestic and international arbitrations under the AAA, CPR, and ICC rules, and in other international proceedings.

Ms. Kaster served as AT&T's lead counsel on several seminal cases, including, AT&T v. Microsoft, a patent case which was settled at trial with a novel carve out for an appeal, and AOL v. AT&T, which she briefed and successfully argued before the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals that "You've Got Mail" was generic for indicating the receipt of email.

As counsel for AT&T Labs, Ms. Kaster was involved in a wide variety of patent and other intellectual property disputes focusing on audio and video compression. She is now advisor to the Multimedia Patent Trust, which holds video compression patents.

Law Firm Experience

Before working at AT&T, Ms. Kaster was a partner at Jenner & Block, where she worked for over twenty years. At the firm, she handled a wide variety of complex commercial disputes and developed special expertise in disputes involving intellectual property cases (including computer programs and "sleep" technology), as well as environmental issues, taxes, fee litigations and sanctions, closely held companies and estates.

Dispute Resolution Leadership and Affiliations

- Chair of the New Jersey State Bar Association (NJSBA) Dispute Resolution Section 2011-2013
- Vice President- Judge Marie Garibaldi Inn of Court (devoted to ADR) -2013-
- New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Complementary Dispute Resolution –2013-2015
- Co-editor-in-chief, Dispute Resolution Lawyer (Journal of the NYSBA Dispute Resolution Section)
- Member, American Bar Association Dispute Resolution Section; Member, Women In Dispute Resolution, DR Section
- Diversity Task Force of CPR; Member, Board of the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights.

Teaching and Speaking

Ms. Kaster is an adjunct professor at Seton Hall Law School. She has also spoken at various corporations and law firms on topics including arbitration confidentiality, damages, and use of experts, impasse in mediation, improving judgment, risk assessment and risk assessed damages. Her speaking engagements at professional meetings include: College of Commercial Arbitrators 2012; 2012 NYSBA Annual Dispute Resolution Meeting; Annual ABA Dispute Resolution Meeting, 2010-2014; New Jersey State Bar ADR Day 2012 and 2011; New Jersey State Bar Annual meeting in 2013, 2012, 2010, 2009; ABA Dispute Resolution Section Mid-Year meeting; Practising Law Institute, 2012 and 2011; NJAPM 2012 and 2011; Garibaldi Inn of Court 2012, 2014; Judge, ICC Mediation Competition, Paris 2012.

Bar Admissions

She is admitted to the Bar of Massachusetts, 1973; Illinois, 1975; New Jersey, 2005; New York, 2006; U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, 1975; the United States Supreme Court, The United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and for the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Seventh, and Tenth Circuits.

Education and Honors

Ms. Kaster holds a BA from Tufts University (Political Science-1970); and a JD, magna cum laude from Boston University, where she was Notes Editor for the Law Review and recipient of the Melville M. Bigelow Award in 1973 "for the greatest promise as a teacher and scholar in the law". She served as a law clerk to then Chief Judge Frank M. Coffin of the Federal Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. Ms. Kaster is listed in "Who's Who in America" (2007-2012), "Who's Who of American Women" (2001-2014) and is a Life Fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

Information about Ms. Kaster's publications is available at www.AppropriateDisputeSolutions.com. Ms. Kaster can be reached directly at lkaster@AppropriateDisputeSolutions.com