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AREAS OF CONCENTRATION

Mediation Neutral
Construction Law and Litigation
Complex Commercial Litigation, including Antitrust and Unfair Competition
Employment Litigation and Counseling
Attorney Ethics and Professional Responsibility

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

New York, 1980
U.S. District Court for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, 1982
New Jersey and U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey, 1983
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, 1989
Pennsylvania, 2012

EXPERIENCE

Stevens & Lee, P.C.

Shareholder, 2004-present

Ms. McSorley is a member of the Stevens & Lee Litigation Department, handling complex commercial litigation matters, particularly those arising in the construction industry. Since 1994, she has served as a mediation neutral in assisting parties in hundreds of matters to resolve disputes outside of the litigation process. She has received certificates from the National Institute for Trial Advocacy and the Center for Mediation in Law and currently serves as a mediator on the roster of mediators for court-annexed mediation in New Jersey. She was named 2005 “ADR Practitioner of the Year” by the New Jersey State Bar Association for her contributions to advance the cause of mediation and other forms of alternative dispute resolution in New Jersey. She served on the New Jersey Supreme Court’s Committee for Complementary Dispute Resolution from 2001-2012, and served in the Supreme Court Advisory Committee for Mediator Standards from 2006 to 2012. Her practice includes:

- More than 1500 hours as a neutral mediating complex disputes including employment, construction delay and defect claims, close corporation and other shareholder disputes, partnership dissolutions, breach of contract and intellectual property matters
- Representing owners (pharmaceutical manufacturers, research universities, real estate developers and homeowners) in negotiating and drafting agreements of all types relating to construction projects including construction management agreements, design-build agreements, and agreements with design professionals.
- Prosecution and defense of construction delay, interference and defect claims and litigation brought against owners primarily in the pharmaceutical, health care and higher education industries
- Counseling clients with regard to employment-law related issues including issues arising under the FLSA, the FMLA, CEPA, federal and state laws against employment discrimination, and employee non-disclosure and confidentiality agreements and covenants not to compete

EDUCATION

Certificate, Center for Mediation in Law (New York), Intensive Mediation Training, 2000
Certificate, National Institute for Trial Advocacy, 1986
J.D., Columbia University School of Law, 1979 (Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar, 1976-1977, 1978-1979)
A.B., *cum laude*, Princeton University, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, 1979

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Stevens & Lee, A Pennsylvania Professional Corporation, Lawrenceville, NJ, Shareholder, 2004-present
Smith, Stratton, Wise, Heher & Brennan, Princeton, NJ, Partner, 1987-2004, Associate, 1983-1987
Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy, New York, NY, Associate, 1980-1983
Law Clerk to The Honorable Warren W. Eginton, U.S.D.J., District of Connecticut, 1979-1980

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member, New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Complementary Dispute Resolution, 2001-2012 (Co-Chair, Subcommittee on Mediator Education, 2008-2012)
Mediator, New Jersey Superior Court Civil Presumptive Mediation Program(s), 1995-Present
Member, Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Mediator Standards, 2006-2012
Member, Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Arbitration, 2002-2005
Member, District VII Ethics Committee of Supreme Court of New Jersey, 1991-1994
Member, District VII Fee Dispute Committee of Supreme Court of New Jersey, 1999-2003
Columbia Law School Alumni Association, 1979-Present
Columbia Law School Association of New Jersey, 1984-Present (Trustee and Treasurer, 1996-2002)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

National Association of Distinguished Neutrals, Charter New Jersey Panel member, 2013-present
New Jersey State Bar Association, Dispute Resolution Section (Director, 2013-present, 1997-2004, Immediate Past Chair, 2002-03; Chair, 2001- 02; Chair-Elect, 2000-01; Secretary 1998-2000), Construction Law Section and Litigation Section
Marie L. Garibaldi American Inn of Court for Alternate Dispute Resolution, 2001- present (Executive Committee, 2004-present, President, 2008-2010, Immediate Past President, 2011-2012)
New Jersey Association of Professional Mediators, 1999-present
American Bar Association, Forum Committee on the Construction Industry (member, Division 12 Steering Committee, 2009-present; Publications Committee, 2010-present) and Litigation and Dispute Resolution Sections, Member
Mercer County Bar Association, member 1984-present (Trustee, 1995-1998)
Mercer County Bar Foundation (President 2005-2006, Trustee, 1998-2006)

BAR ADMISSIONS:

New Jersey
New York
Pennsylvania

COURT ADMISSIONS:

U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

AWARDS

James B. Boskey, ADR Practitioner of the Year Award, 2005 (given by the NJSBA)
Cherish the Children Award, 2000 (given by the Mercer County Commission on Abused, Neglected and Missing Children)
Legends of ADR Award, 2007 (ADR Day, sponsored by NJSBA and NJAPM)

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SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

- Construction Defects*. Editor with Roland Nikles, Stephen Reisman and Richard Tyler. (ABA Publishing, 2012, 350 pp.)
- “How to Prepare for Mediation,” *Under Construction*, ABA Forum Committee on the Construction Industry, anticipated publication date May 2014.
- “A Practitioner’s Guide to Extra-Contractual Remedies for ‘Private’ Construction Projects.” New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education, 2010 (30 pp.)
- “Antitrust High Stakes: Companies That Don’t Have a Compliance Program Risk Paying the Price.” Co-author. General Counsel Mid-Atlantic, June 2005.
- “Antitrust Compliance for the Masses: Criminal & Civil Exposure is Not Reserved for Big Companies.” Co-author. General Counsel Mid-Atlantic, June 2005.
- “Exemptions and Immunities and the Robinson-Patman Act.” Co-author. American Bar Association Section of Antitrust Law Robinson-Patman Act Newsletter, Spring 2005.

SELECTED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:

- “Construction Law 201: Insights for the Government Lawyer,” Speaker, American Bar Association Government and Public Sector Lawyers’ Division webcast, April 16, 2013
- “Construction Law for Government Attorneys and University Counsel,” Speaker, American Bar Association Forum on the Construction Industry 2012 Fall Meeting, Boston, MA, October 19, 2012
- “What to Do When the Project Stops,” Speaker, a webcast by the American Bar Association Forum on the Construction Industry, October 4, 2012
- “Court-Annexed Mediation in New Jersey,” Speaker, American Bar Association, Dispute Resolution Section Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, April 19, 2012.
- Speaker, Construction Law Program for State and Local Government Attorneys, American Bar Association Forum on the Construction Industry 2012 Fall Meeting, Boston, MA, October 18-19, 2012
- “Sticks & Bricks,” Site Coordinator, American Bar Association Forum Committee on the Construction Industry, November 11, 2011
- “Construction Law 101 for State and Local Government Attorneys,” Speaker, American Bar Association Forum on the Construction Industry, Telephone conference, October 6, 2011
- “Advanced Mediation Training: Construction for Mediators,” Instructor, New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education, October 11, 2010
- “How to Select a Mediator,” Speaker, New Jersey Corporate Counsel Association, Annual Meeting, Whippany, New Jersey, September 24, 2010
- “A Practitioner’s Guide to Extra-Contractual Remedies for ‘Private’ Construction Projects,” Speaker, New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education, July 5, 2010
- “What to Do When the Work Stops: An Examination of the Change, Suspension and Termination Provisions of the A201-2007 in Connection with Project Slow-Down and De-Scoping,” Speaker, American Bar Association Forum on the Construction Industry, New Orleans, April 17, 2009
- “Basic Civil Mediation Training,” Instructor, New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education, New Brunswick, NJ, December 2008, June 2008, November 2003, October 2003, December 2001
- “OK, EVERYONE JOIN HANDS: The Brave New World of Collaborative Documents and Tri-Party Agreements,” Panelist, American Bar Association Forum Committee on the Construction Industry, Chicago, IL, September 11, 2008
- “False Advertising Under the Lanham Act,” Speaker, Mercer County Bar Association, March 2005