

LAURA A KASTER

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Laura A. Kaster brings to her work as a neutral over 30 years of experience with arbitration, mediation and settlement negotiation in a wide variety of complex commercial disputes.

ARBITRATION

Ms. Kaster has served as an arbitrator for:

- the American Arbitration Association
- FINRA
- the Better Business Bureau

MEDIATION

She has also served as a mediator for:

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

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

SPEAKING / TEACHING

Ms. Kaster teaches Dispute Resolution Processes at Seton Hall Law School as an Adjunct Professor. Ms Kaster was a speaker at the ABA Dispute Resolution Section annual meetings 2010, 2011 and 2012, the NJSBA Annual Meetings 2010-2012, ADR Day 2011, PLI 2010, 2011, NJAPM, NYSBA Dispute Resolution Section 2012.

EXPERIENCE – IN - HOUSE

As chief litigation counsel for AT&T Corporation for almost 10 years before devoting herself primarily to dispute resolution, Ms. Kaster supervised litigation, arbitration, mediation and or settlement of all AT&T patent cases, trademark and trade secret cases, other intellectual property matters involving telecommunications, software, internet, audio, and related technology, class actions, post-closing disputes relating to AT&T's purchase and

sale of significant businesses, such as its sale of satellite and submarine businesses, and for litigation that ultimately allowed AT&T to sell the Salt Lake Tribune.

She was responsible for matters, including disputes involving multimillions of dollars, involving complex supplier, outsourcing, and major customer disputes and international arbitrations. 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. She has handled matters under the AAA rules, CPR rules, ICC and other international proceedings.

She 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.

Ms. Kaster handled and resolved class actions and class action appeals in employment and ERISA related disputes and was involved in establishing AT&T's consumer arbitration program and its retention and email policies. She had wide exposure to e-discovery.

LAW FIRM EXPERIENCE

Prior to her work at AT&T, as a partner at Jenner & Block, Ms. Kaster handled a wide variety of complex disputes and developed special expertise in disputes involving intellectual property, technology, environmental issues, taxes, fee litigations and sanctions, attorneys fees, closely held companies and estates.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION TRAINING AND AFFILIATION

Ms. Kaster is Chair of the Dispute Resolution Section of NJSBA 2011-12 and a master and member of the executive committee and co-director of programming for the Judge Marie Garibaldi Inn of Court, devoted exclusively to alternative dispute resolution. She is a member of the American Bar Association (Dispute Resolution Section and its Women in Dispute Resolution Committee); co-editor in chief of NY Dispute Resolution Lawyer for the New York State Bar Association Dispute Resolution Section; the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights (Board); and the Diversity Task Force of CPR.

Her dispute resolution trainings include:

- CEDR Advanced Mediator Skills Training 2011
- AAA Maximizing Efficiency & Economy in Arbitration 2011
- ABA Section of Dispute Resolution Spring Conference 2011
- AAA/ICDR Neutrals Conference 2011
- Pepperdine University Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Vermont 2010
- ABA Section of Dispute Resolution Spring Conference 2010
- Center for Mediation in Law, Self-Reflection in Action 2011, 2010 and 2009
- CPR Advanced Mediation Training 2009
- FINRA Chairperson training 2009
- AAA Arbitration Awards: Safeguarding, Deciding & Writing Awards 2009
- AAA Chairing an Arbitration Panel: Managing Procedures, Process & Dynamics 2009
- ABA Section of Dispute Resolution Spring Conference 2009

- Alternative Dispute Resolution Training AAA Arbitration Fundamentals and Best for New Arbitrators, 2008
- New York State Judicial Institute, Advanced Training for Commercial Division Mediators 2008
- Center for Mediation In Law, Self-Reflection in Action for Conflict Professionals 2008
- CPR Annual Meeting 2008
- Center For Mediation In Law Advanced Training Series 2007
- CPR, Intensive Mediation Training, 2007
- NASD, Arbitration Basic Training, Expungement, Revised Code of Arbitration Procedures, 2007
- ABA Dispute Resolution Section, Third Annual Arbitration Training, 2007
- NJICLE, Advanced Mediation Clinic, 2007
- NJICLE, Arbitration Training Course, 2007
- The Center for Mediation in Law, Mediation Intensive Training, 2006

She is admitted to the Bar of Massachusetts, Illinois, New Jersey, New York, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, 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

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". Following law school, she was 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) and "Who's Who of American Women" (2001-2012) and is a Life Fellow of the American Bar Foundation