

# **Mediator's Curriculum Vitae**

Personal Particulars	
First Name Edna	
Last Name Sussman	
Designation Ms	
Organisation SussmanADR LLC	
Nationality USA	
Languages (Native and/or professional working proficiency) English	
Mediation Practice Areas	
Please select as many areas as may be applicable.	
X Accountancy Aviation & Airports X Banking/Finance Business Interruption analysis X Energy Information Technology X Intellectual Property Infrastructure/Construction/Engineering Maritime & Shipping Logistics	<ul> <li>Mining</li> <li>Workplace Health &amp; Safety</li> <li>Oil &amp; Gas</li> <li>Real Estate</li> <li>Risk Management</li> <li>Scientific Forensics</li> <li>Sports Disputes (Law &amp; Infrastructure)</li> <li>Telecommunications</li> <li>Others (please specify): Life Sciences, M&amp;A,</li> <li>Distribution, partnerships and joint ventures, franchises,</li> <li>environment</li> </ul>
Educational/Professional Background	
Columbia Law School Barnard College Independent arbitrator and Mediator, SussmanADR LLC Currently Distinguished ADR Practitioner in Residence at Fordham Law School Former Litigation Partner at White & Case, LLP Extensive speaking and writing: details available at <a href="https://www.SussmanaADR.com">www.SussmanaADR.com</a>	
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I have one goal as a mediator: to help the parties settle the case and find an acceptable compromise. I achieve success by helping each party consider carefully whether and how a negotiated resolution would be the best alternative. I do not classify myself as either "facilitative" or "evaluative", but rather am guided by the specifics of the case and the

personalities of the participants in deciding how to approach each matter. I consult with the parties in crafting the optimal process for the specific facts of the case. I find it generally useful to be a reality check and assist the parties in analyzing the strengths and the weaknesses of their case as well as assisting them in projecting the risks, the likelihood of success at each juncture in a proceeding, and the costs over time associated with a continued dispute. Generally I start with a more facilitative approach as I learn more about the case and gain the party's trust and move to a more evaluative as the mediation progresses. Mediation is a process that I approach with patience, persistence, and sensitivity to the needs and feelings of all parties to achieve a settlement that is seen as beneficial by all.

## **Mediation Experience**

Conducted over 200 complex commercial mediations; certified as a mediator by the Courts in New York and by the International Mediation Institute and serves on the mediation panels of the courts in New York.

# **Mediation Education and Training**

Many trainings over the years including:

United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, mediation training (1997) United States Bankruptcy Court and New York State Supreme Court, mediation trainings U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution, conciliation training

#### Some Professional Affiliations

AAA-ICDR Foundation, Chair, Board of Directors
American Arbitration Association, Director
College of Commercial Arbitrators, President 2015-2016, Fellow
New York State Bar Association

 Co-Editor-In-Chief, Dispute Resolution Lawyer; Chair 2010-2011, Dispute Resolution Section

## **American Bar Association**

- Co-Chair, Arbitration Committees, 2010-2012, International and Dispute Resolution Sections
- Chair, Renewable Energy Committee 2006-2008, Chair, Dispute Resolution Committee 2008-2010, Section of Environment Energy and Resources

# **New York City Bar Association**

 Chair, Energy Committee 2006-2009, member, International Commercial Dispute Committee

Energy Bar Association - Chair, Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee 2008-2009 ICC - U.S. Member of the Task Forces on the ADR Rules, Emergency Arbitrations and Climate Change

#### Testimonials (optional)

See testimonials on the web site of the International Mediation Institute