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Summary

Highly accomplished legal professional with over 30 years of diverse experience spanning extensive judicial clerkships, private litigation, and advanced alternative dispute resolution (ADR) practice. Possessing an **LL.M. in International Dispute Resolution** and a strong academic background, I am seeking to leverage extensive practical expertise and a passion for legal education to enrich the academic environment as an Adjunct Law Professor. Proven ability to distill complex legal concepts, mentor emerging legal talent, and contribute meaningfully to legal scholarship.

Judicial Clerkship Experience

Principal Law Clerk | New York State Unified Court System | 1994 - 2023

- Collaborated closely with judges in various court divisions, including the Commercial Division, Guardianship Part, and Foreclosure Part, providing critical legal analysis and support in diverse and complex legal matters.
- **Authored and refined judicial opinions, decisions, and orders**, demonstrating exceptional legal research, writing, and analytical skills across a wide range of substantive law.
- Conducted in-depth **legal research on complex statutory and case law**, synthesizing findings to advise on intricate legal issues and precedential impact.
- Assisted judges in negotiating and finalizing settlement agreements, requiring nuanced understanding of legal positions and strategic dispute resolution.
- Managed extensive caseloads, ensuring efficient progression and resolution of significant legal disputes.
- **Analyzed and critiqued motions, pleadings, and other submissions**, providing comprehensive assessments of legal arguments and procedural compliance.
- Provided reasoned legal counsel and guidance to judicial officers and court staff on procedural and substantive legal questions.

Education

Certificate, International Commercial Arbitration | King's College, London | 2025

LL.M., International Dispute Resolution | Fordham University School of Law | 2022

- **Thesis:** *A Proposal to Establish an International Commercial Arbitration Ethics Panel and Hotline to Resolve Disclosure and Conflicts Issues* (Published: indisputably.org/2023/05/cardozo-journal-of-conflict-resolution-new-issue-out/)

J.D. | St. John's University School of Law | 1988

B.A., Political Science (cum laude) | Queens College, CUNY | 1985

Teaching Experience

Visiting Law Professor | Fall 2025 | Széchenyi István University, Győr, Hungary

Taught classes in:

- International Commercial Dispute Resolution in Cross-Border Transactions
(for Hungarian law students, ADR elective subject)
- Financial Disputes in Cross-Border Transactions
(for international students in the International Relations program, International Finance subject)
- Consumer Protection and Online Consumer Dispute Resolution in the USA
(for international students in the Modern Technologies and Cybersecurity Law MA program, E-commerce Law subject)

Publications & Academic Contributions

- Authored the LL.M. thesis: "A Proposal to Establish an International Commercial Arbitration Ethics Panel and Hotline to Resolve Disclosure and Conflicts Issues," published and cited as a substantive contribution to ADR ethics.
- Published **numerous articles** in legal publications on critical topics in mediation, arbitration, and dispute resolution (e.g., consider listing 1-2 prominent examples if space allows, like "Published articles on ethical considerations in arbitration and effective mediation strategies").
- Regular **speaker and presenter** at legal conferences and Continuing Legal Education (CLE) programs on advanced ADR topics, demonstrating expertise and ability to educate legal professionals.

Mediation & Arbitration Experience

Timken Dispute Resolution, LLC | Mediator & Arbitrator | 2023 - Present

- Founded and lead a private practice specializing in mediation and arbitration services for diverse clients, applying deep expertise to resolve complex legal issues.
- Engage with a wide array of disputes, including commercial (breach of contract, intellectual property, construction, employment), and civil (personal injury, professional malpractice, probate), offering a **broad perspective invaluable for curriculum development and classroom discussion**.
- Utilize facilitative mediation and arbitration techniques, providing direct insight into **negotiation strategies, ethical considerations, and the practical application of dispute resolution theory**.

State of New York Statewide Part 146 Mediator | 2024 - Present

- Certified mediator authorized to handle cases in all Supreme Courts of the State of New York, including commercial divisions (Richmond, Nassau, Bronx, New York County).

State of Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Civil Mediator | 2024 - Present

- Qualified to mediate a broad spectrum of civil cases in the Florida Circuit Courts, including commercial disputes, personal injury claims, and real estate matters.

Florida Supreme Court Qualified Circuit Arbitrator | 2024 - Present

- Appointed to conduct non-binding and binding arbitrations in the Florida Circuit Courts, providing efficient alternative dispute resolution.

Additional ADR Experience

- **Florida DFS Residential Property Insurance Mediator** (2024 - Present): Mediate property damage claims against Florida insurers.
- **FINRA Public Arbitrator, Chair Qualified** (2018 - Present): Arbitrate securities disputes between investors, brokers, and brokerage firms, ensuring compliance with industry regulations and ethical standards.
- **Panel of Distinguished Neutrals of International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution** (2020 –2025): Arbitrate commercial cases and participate in institute committees.
- **USDC, EDNY Bankruptcy Mediation Register** (2024 - Present): Mediate bankruptcy cases involving debtors, creditors, and trustees.
- **Hunt ADR Ltd. Arbitrator Experience Program** (2023 - 2024): Arbitrate travel-related consumer claims in the UK, providing reasoned decisions based on thorough legal analysis.
- **Part 137 Attorney-Client Fee Dispute Arbitrator & Mediator** (2017-Present): Arbitrate & mediate fee disputes between lawyers and clients.
- **Attorney Complaint Mediation Panel, NYC Bar Association** (2022 - Present): Mediated client grievances against attorneys in the First Department.

Private Practice Experience

Litigation Associate | Various Law Firms | 1988 - 1994

- Developed foundational legal skills in **complex civil litigation**, including drafting motions, pleadings, and conducting extensive discovery.
- Gained practical experience in **court hearings, depositions, and trial preparation**, providing real-world insight into civil procedure and evidence.
- Represented clients across diverse litigation matters, including professional liability, products liability, and commercial disputes, enhancing broad legal knowledge.

Professional Development & Academic Engagement

- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb) & Member, CPR Institute Panel of Distinguished Neutrals: Indicating leadership and expertise in the global ADR field.
- Completed 200+ hours of specialized ADR training, including Florida Supreme Court Circuit Mediation & Arbitration Training, FINRA Arbitrator Training, and Advanced Mediation & Advocacy Skills Training.
- **Mentor** for the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb), actively guiding aspiring legal professionals.
- **Judge for Law School Moot Court Competitions** (e.g., VIS International Arbitration, Securities Triathlon), directly contributing to the development of student advocacy and analytical skills.

Professional Memberships

- New York City Bar Association (ADR Committee)
- Master of the Bench, New York American Inn of Court

- Federal Bar Association, SDNY
- Palm Beach County Bar Association

Bar Admissions

- New York State (1988)
- SDNY & EDNY (1989)
- 2nd Circuit (1990)

Languages

- English
- Spanish