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STEVEN M. BIERMAN, ESQ., FCI Arb, is an independent arbitrator, mediator, and dispute resolution advisor, and is the founder of Bierman ADR LLC. He is the former leader of the New York Litigation Group at global law firm Sidley Austin LLP. Steve has 45 years' experience in helping parties and clients achieve creative and practical solutions to a wide range of complex business and other disputes.

Arbitrator and Mediator

Steve is a Fellow of the *Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCI Arb)* and as a mediator is accredited by the *Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR)*. Steve serves as a neutral on multiple rosters, including the Mediation Panels for the U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, the American Arbitration Association (Consumer Panel), and the ADR rosters for multiple counties of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, including the Commercial Division for New York County (Manhattan). Steve is Co-Chair of the Mediation Committee of the CPR International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution and is a member of the CPR Council. He is Vice Chair of the American Bar Association's 2022 Advanced Mediation Skills & Advocacy Institute and was a co-planner of the 2021 Institute. Steve is a member of the Justice Marie Garibaldi ADR American Inn of Court, the New York International Arbitration Center (NYIAC), and the Mediation Committees of the Dispute Resolution Sections of the American Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association.

Legal Experience

Steve previously was a partner at Sidley Austin LLP for 36 years. He headed or co-headed the firm's New York Litigation Group for 25 years, was a co-leader of Sidley's global Commercial Litigation and Disputes practice and served as a member of the firm's Executive Committee. Over more than four decades, Steve represented a diverse international roster of corporate and individual clients in high-stakes commercial, financial, business tort, securities, antitrust, bankruptcy, consumer, art-related, data breach and privacy, and employment and workplace litigation, and their successful resolution. In addition to leading courtroom litigation in New York and nationally, Steve served as counsel in numerous arbitrations, including under the aegis of the American Arbitration Association (including ICDR), JAMS, FINRA, and the International Chamber of Commerce.

Recognition

Steve has been widely recognized during his career, including multiple times by Benchmark Litigation as a U.S. and a New York Commercial Litigation Star, Best Lawyers in America, and The Legal 500 in Commercial Litigation.

Speaking and Writing

Steve speaks on business litigation and dispute resolution and prevention, including on panels of the American Bar Association, the American Inns of Court, and the CPR International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution. He recently moderated the panel on *Ethics in the Evolving World of Remote, Hybrid, and In-Person ADR* at CPR's 2022 Annual Meeting.

Steve also writes widely on these subjects. He is Editor and an author of *The Complex Commercial Litigation Law Review* (Law Business Research, 3d ed., 2021), which surveys issues in commercial disputes across 30+ jurisdictions worldwide. Steve is co-author of the E-Commerce Litigation chapter in *Commercial Litigation in New York State Courts* (Thomson Reuters, 5th ed., 2020), addressing consumer and commercial online agreements, disputes, and litigation. He serves on the Board of Editors of *The New York Dispute Resolution Lawyer* and has published multiple articles in that publication and the *New York State Bar Journal*.

Education and Admissions

Steve received his J.D. degree from Georgetown University Law Center, where he was a member of the *Georgetown Law Journal*, and received his B.S. Econ degree in Economics, with honors, from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

Steve is admitted to the bar of the State of New York and to the U.S. federal courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, the Second, Third, and Ninth Circuits, and the United States Supreme Court.