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Laura has served as chair, wing, and solo arbitrator on over one hundred commercial, IP, patent, software, medical device, and drug development disputes as well as telecom disputes of all kinds, including billing disputes among carriers. She has mediated more than 300 matters, including international trademark disputes, patent and IP disputes, family business disputes, business disruption cases and other insurance disputes, commercial property disputes, employment and securities matters and a wide variety of complex contract disputes.

Laura is a past Chair of the NYSBA Dispute Resolution Section 2020-2021. From 2015-2017, Laura was the President of the Justice Marie L. Garibaldi ADR Inn of Court, the first ADR Inn in the country. She is also a past Chair of the NJSBA Dispute Resolution Section and a Co-Editor in Chief of the NYSBA's journal, Dispute Resolution Lawyer. She is the 2018 recipient of the Jeydel Award from the Garibaldi Inn for ADR Excellence and Civility and the 2014 recipient of the NJSBA's Boskey Award for the ADR practitioner of the year. She is a co-author on chapters in Halket, *The Arbitration of International IP Disputes* 2 ed. (2020); Singer, *Arbitrating Commercial Disputes in the United States* (Practising Law Institute, 2d Edition, 2020); co-editor and chapter author of the CCA Guide to Best Practices in Commercial Arbitration (4th Ed 2017); co-author "Arbitrating Technology Cases: Considerations for Businesspeople and Advocates", in Samaras (Ed) *ADR Advocacy, Strategies, and Practices for Intellectual Property and Technology Cases*. She is on the Roster of the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals.

Laura is on the Tech List of leading technology neutrals for the Silicon Valley Arbitration and Mediation Center, an arbitrator and mediator for the American Arbitration Association (AAA) and the International Center for Dispute Resolution (ICDR), for the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution (CPR), and an arbitrator for FINRA; on the panel of the Global Mediation Exchange Center. She is a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitration (FCI Arb) and of the College of Commercial Arbitrators and a member of the Pepperdine, CCA and IMI Task Force on Mixed Modes. Laura is a member of the global panel for CEDR (Center for Effective Dispute Resolution), a CEDR accredited mediator and has been certified as a mediator by the International Mediation Institute (IMI). Laura was selected for and recently reappointed to the Master Mediator Panel of the American Arbitration Association and is recognized in *Who's Who Law, Mediation* 2016-2022

Prior to becoming a full-time neutral, Laura was Chief Litigation Counsel at AT&T and prior to that, a partner in the law firm Jenner & Block in Chicago, where she worked for 22 years. Just out of law school, she clerked for then Chief Judge Frank M. Coffin of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.