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<b>I.</b>	<b><u>Profession</u></b>	<b><u>Accrediting Agency or Jurisdiction</u></b>	<b><u>Date of Admission</u></b>
	Attorney	Connecticut Superior Court (ret.)	1967
		Appellate Division, New York State Supreme Court, First Department	1968
		U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York	1971
		U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York	1973
		U.S. Tax Court	1975
		U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut	1991
		U.S. Supreme Court	1991
		U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit	2002

<b>II.</b>	<b><u>Professional Organizations</u></b>	<b><u>Active/Inactive</u></b>
	New York State Bar Association	Active
	Nassau County Bar Association	Active
	Federal Bar Association, Eastern District of New York	Active

### **III. General Professional Experience**

I have been engaged in the private practice of law since 1968. I began my career as an associate with Kronish, Lieb, Shainswit Weiner & Hellman (which merged with Cooley Godward Kronish LLP, now Cooley LLP). After a brief period as a sole practitioner in New York City, I became a member of Meltzer, Lippe, Levy & Goldstein, P.C. (now Meltzer, Lippe, Goldstein & Breitstone, LLP). In 1979 I founded my own firm which became Levy & Schneps, P.C., first with offices in Great Neck, NY and then for many

years in Manhasset, NY. I withdrew from the firm in early 2014 to become of counsel to the Westerman Ball firm in Uniondale, NY so that I could focus on my ADR practice, and mediation in particular.

I began my legal career with an emphasis in the tax, corporate and securities fields. After approximately 20 years as a commercial transactional attorney, I turned more actively to commercial and Surrogate's Court litigation. In the late 1980s, I became an arbitrator with the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (NASD, now FINRA). In 1993, I went on to the arbitration panel of the American Arbitration Association where I currently serve on its Complex Commercial Case panel. I have provided mediation services since 2005. I am currently listed on the mediation rosters of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, the Supreme Court Commercial Division Mediation Panels for the Counties of Suffolk, Nassau, Queens and New York, the American Arbitration Association, the Nassau County Bar Association Mediation, the American Dispute Resolution Center, Inc., and CAMS (Comprehensive Arbitration & Mediation Services), a private ADR provider which I co-founded.

#### **IV. Experience and Familiarity with Bankruptcy Law**

During the course of my commercial practice, I have counseled, and participated in counseling, clients in connection with bankruptcy and creditors' rights issues. Just prior to changing my focus to my ADR practice, I served on an of counsel basis to the Westerman Ball firm in a Chapter 11 case which was converted to a Chapter 7 case requiring evidentiary hearings in which I was an active participant as creditors' counsel. In my alternative dispute resolution experience, bankruptcy and collection issues are frequently discuss in the settlement process. This is particularly true in many FLSA cases which are rapidly growing in number in both the Eastern and Southern Districts as well as other parts of the country.

#### **V. Mediation Training**

My initial mediation training was a 36-hour Mediation Intensive Training Program with The Center for Mediation in Law (now The Center for Understanding in Conflict); then a 24-hour Commercial Division Mediation Training program, followed by a 16-hour Advanced Commercial Mediation Training Program. In the past several years, I have attended, and continue to attend, additional mediation programs, many of which have been sponsored by the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York, as well as the American Arbitration Association. I have well more than 100 hours of mediation training.

#### **VI. Mediation Experience**

I have served, and am currently active, as an advocate and as a mediator in both court-directed and private mediations involving wage and hour cases brought under the Fair Labor Standards Act, employment discrimination cases under Title VII of the Civil

Rights Act of 1964, claims under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Equal Pay Act, and civil rights claims under 42 U.S.C. §1983, as well as a host of other commercial disputes involving individuals and entities. In addition, I provide mediation services to the Nassau County Supreme Court Differentiated Case Management/Alternative Dispute Resolution Program. I have mediated 150 cases.

**VII. Areas of Expertise**

My expertise includes wage and hour, employment discrimination, corporate, tax, general commercial, financial and trusts and estates matters from both a transactional and litigation perspective.

**VIII. General Pertinent Business or Legal Experience**

As indicated, I am a co-founder of CAMS (Comprehensive Arbitration & Mediation Services), a private ADR service provider. In the course of my career as a lawyer, I have counseled and continue to advise, business clients in both legal and business matters. My ADR experience is significant, having been an arbitrator and mediator in numerous substantial legal disputes, both domestic and international.

**IX. Other Pertinent Information.**

I have been AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell for more than 35 years. I obtained my undergraduate degree from the University of Connecticut, my J.D. Degree from Boston University School of Law and My LL.M. in Taxation from New York University School of Law.

**X. Fee Structure**

My current billing rate for mediation is \$425 per hour plus reimbursement for travel costs and out-of-pocket expenses, or as otherwise agreed. In individual hardship cases, fees may be subject to adjustment as appropriate.

**XI. Pro Bono Preference**

No preference. Either Brooklyn or Central Islip is acceptable.