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- I. William Sparks, an attorney in New York (1974), New Jersey (1989) & Florida (1992);
- II. Will Sparks is active in NYSBA since 2000, member of both ADR and Commercial & Federal Litigation Sections; the City Bar since 1982, City of New York, member of the Professional Discipline Committee; the Nassau County Bar Assoc., (NCBA) since 2003, member of ADR and Commercial Litigation Committees; Member (inactive) FL Bar Association; NJ Bar Association; IADC, (International Association of Defense Counsel) since 1998; member ACC, (American Corporate Counsel) since 1990s;
- III. Will Sparks is an attorney, Wall Street law firm training who went in house. He spent most years after graduating from Duke Law School (1973) in-house with Olin (NYSE) and W.R. Grace (NYSE) in litigation management;
- IV. William Sparks was involved in W.R. Grace & Co.'s Chapter 11 Reorganization Filed in 2001 in all aspects. He attended a one semester course in Bankruptcy Law in 2003 at Fordham School of Law. Since he retired from W.R. Grace in 2009 he is involved in pro bono efforts of NCBA in clinics, and from time to time counseled clients regarding bankruptcy concerns;
- V. William Sparks has mediation training. In 2012, he was trained among a large group of attorneys to assist resolution of Storm Sandy insurance coverage claims in the consolidated Eastern District wind and water damage cases. Then, under requirements of New York's OCA, i.e. 40 CLE hours, offered by NYSBA (24 hours), and CPR (16 hours), Will is certified as a Commercial Mediator (NY). Since 2013, he has additional CLE Mediator training for both State Court Mediator Rosters and Federal Court (EDNY) Mediator Rosters;
- VI. Since 2012, William Sparks has mediated well over one hundred (100) cases, in State Courts, i.e. Supreme Court, Commercial Division, Nassau, Queens and New York Counties; and in U.S. District Court, EDNY, both in Brooklyn and Islip;
- VII. Will's areas of expertise include commercial and construction cases, and negligence including products and personal injury, torts and premises liability;
- VIII. Because of Will's work in house, he developed an ability to work with business men and women and also was the client in mediations during the 1990s;
- X. No expenses will be charged for reimbursement to parties or attorneys. Will expects to charge fees consistent solely with those required under Local Rules of U. S. Bankruptcy Court, EDNY, Rule 9010 -1 Alternative Dispute Resolution and Rule 9019 – 1 (h) as appropriate;
- XI. No pro bono preference as between Brooklyn or Islip.

