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Joanne Barak is an active arbitrator on the American Arbitration Association's Large Complex Case, Joint Venture, Mergers & Acquisitions, and Commercial Panels, as well as the International Centre for Dispute Resolution Panel, and Special Programs Mediation Panel. She has served as sole arbitrator, and has chaired and served as wing on 3 arbitrator panels. She has been appointed to close to 400 cases. Ms. Barak is a Fellow and Member of the Board of Directors of the College of Commercial Arbitrators, Co-Chair of its New Fellows Orientation Committee, and Vice-Chair of the Membership Committee. In the coming year, she will chair the College's Outreach Committee, charged with fulfilling the College's commitment to enhance diversity amongst its fellowship.

Sample cases include the following:

Recently chaired two panels in maritime cargo disputes, and chaired shareholder dispute panel. Also recently served as wing in multimillion dollar financing and insurance dispute. Also recently served as sole arbitrator in multiple cases involving, among others, disputes related to breaches of software development agreement; coffee distribution agreement; investor claims of misrepresentation and inappropriate investment; and breach of talent management agreement.

Chaired panel in multi-million dollar/multi-party dispute concerning compensation due to withdrawing partner of various investment partnerships; was sole arbitrator in dispute between Olympic figure skater and management company involving breach of representation agreement; panelist on numerous cases involving claims/counterclaims in excess of \$40 million, including claims between international food distributor and truck manufacturer for breaches of truck manufacturing agreement; between insurance company and investment bank regarding breach of contracts for letter of credit coverage; and between energy company and former executive responsible for construction of power plants in Asia on employment, incentive and stock option agreement claims. Other multi-million dollar/multi-party disputes have included claims between Canadian railcar manufacturer and Spanish subcontractor for breaches of construction contract, satellite communications company and telephone communications company for breaches of bundling agreement, U.S. distributor and Japanese manufacturer of consumer products for breach of exclusivity provisions of distributorship agreement; between Saudi jewelry manufacturer and US investment advisor for breaches of financial services agreements; and among partners in commercial real estate, residential real estate, and law firm partnerships involving demands for accountings, reallocations of ownership.

Ms. Barak has over 30 years' of commercial and international law experience, including extensive experience in areas of financing, licensing, consulting, employment agreements, partnerships, joint ventures, non-disclosure and non-circumvent agreements, as well as sales and distributorship agreements, and maritime matters. She has advised and represented domestic and international corporate clients and foreign governments in the aforementioned areas. She has worked as an attorney in New York, New Jersey, Washington, D.C. and Jerusalem, Israel.

Present pro-bono work includes: arbitrator/mediator for NYS Supreme Court, Part 137 Attorney Client Fee Dispute Program; certified mediator, NYS Office of Court Administration; panel member, Surrogate Decision Making Committee, NYS Commission on Quality of Care and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities.

Military Service: to rank of LCDR, U.S. Coast Guard Reserve