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Work History: Of Counsel, Hoguet Newman & Regal, 2003-present; litigation partner 1981-1987 and Associate 1973-1981 at White & Case, LLP in New York City; Self Employed Arbitrator/Mediator/Lobbyist 1987-1997 ; Director Public Affairs for State Assemblywoman Audrey Hochberg 1997-1999; Executive Director of Federated Conservationists of Westchester County Inc. 1999- 2002.

ADR Panel Affiliations:

- *U.S. Bankruptcy Courts*, Mediation Panels for the District of Delaware and Southern and Eastern Districts of New York
- *U.S. District Court*, mediation panels for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York
- *American Arbitration Association*, arbitrator, Commercial Panel
- *National Association of Securities Dealers*, arbitration panel
- *New York Stock Exchange*, arbitration and mediation panels

Bankruptcy and Litigation Experience:

Ms. Sussman is a commercial litigator specializing in complex corporate disputes. Her practice has included numerous bankruptcy matters; she has counseled on bankruptcy issues in the context of sophisticated business transactions and represented unsecured and secured creditors and the trustee in bankruptcy in major bankruptcies. Ms Sussman also has broad experience in a wide range of complex commercial litigation matters including disputes arising out of contracts, fraudulent conveyances, breaches of fiduciary duties, asset valuations, accounting, financing and banking transactions, transnational litigation, securities, antitrust, dealership relations, and employment matters. Cases handled involved claims or were determinative of transactions ranging in value from \$1 million to \$3 billion and entailed becoming familiar with many different businesses, including: liquor, steel, oil industries, air conditioning, furniture, match, flooring, discount store chain, shipping, franchise businesses, energy related businesses, a variety of investment vehicles, and various facets of accounting and banking.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Experience: Ms Sussman has conducted numerous arbitrations and mediations concerning contracts, partnership agreements, investment advisory and personal services disputes, valuation of businesses, hedge funds, attorney's fees, franchise relationships, employment disputes, advertising matters, construction disputes, breach of fiduciary duties and fraud issues, governance and ownership matters relating to closely held corporations, dissolution of corporations, matrimonial disputes, in a variety of businesses including architecture and building design, various investment vehicles, building construction and maintenance, real estate, consumer electronics, advertising, music, health care, and food franchises, with claims valued at up to \$20 million.

Edna Sussman CV (cont'd)

Mediation Training: Three day mediation training program sponsored by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York; two day mediation training program sponsored by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; two day mediation training program sponsored by the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York; several arbitration training sessions sponsored by the American Arbitration Association, the NASD and the NYSE.

Professional Organizations

American Bar Association, Vice-Chair of the Renewable Energy Resources Committee and member of Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee; Association of the Bar of the City of New York, chair speaker program subcommittee of the Energy Committee; New York State Bar Association, Bankruptcy Law Committee; Westchester Bar Association, Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee.

Education: Barnard College, B.A.1970; Columbia Law School, J.D. 1973

Admissions: New York, U.S. District Court Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and Third Circuits, United States Supreme Court.

Publications and lectures: co-authored monthly column on litigation practice for LEGAL TIMES OF NEW YORK; served as co-editor of LETTER OF CREDIT REPORTER and Advisory Board of LENDER LIABILITY LAW REPORT; Editor-in-chief of and frequent contributor to WESTCHESTER ENVIRONMENT; Representative articles published: "*The Emerging Fraud Exception*," LETTERS of CREDIT REPORT; "*Strategic Discovery*," American Bar Association LITIGATION JOURNAL; "*Renewable Energy Resources Development Initiatives on Public Lands*," American Bar Association TREND NEWSLETTER; "*Green Buildings: An Overview And Recent Developments*," American Bar Association TREND NEWSLETTER; "*Electronic Depositions*," American Bar Association LITIGATION JOURNAL; "*Review of Planning Board Powers*," WESTCHESTER ENVIRONMENT; "*Energy Demand Reduction*", THE JOURNAL NEWS; in the LEGAL TIMES OF NEW YORK: "*Discovery of Expert Witnesses*," "*Arbitration Rules*", "*Flexibility in Arbitration Actions*", "*Court Disqualification Battles*", "*Planning Helps Ensure a Favorable Court Venue*" and "*Service Abroad Can Be Tricky*"

Frequent speaker on litigation practice and energy issues for the American Bar Association, Practising Law Institute, American Law Institute and Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

Compensation: \$300 per hour