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<u>I. Professional</u>	<u>Accrediting Agency or Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Date of Admission</u>
Attorney	EDNY and SDNY	2004
	New York-1 <sup>st</sup> Department	1993
	New Jersey	1992
Patent Agent	US Patent and Trademark Office	1990

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Date of Admission</u>	<u>Active/Inactive</u>
NY State Bar Assn	2008	Member Executive Committee Dispute Resolution Section, Liaison w/IP Committee
American Intellectual Property Law Assn	1995	Chair, Membership Committee Vice Chair, Membership Committee 2010-2012
Eastern NY Intellectual Property Assn	2000	Member, Board of Managers
NYSDRA	2005	Active Member
Westchester Co. Bar Assn.	2003	Member IP & ADR Committees
International Intellectual Property Society	2000	Active member

### **III. General professional experience:**

I have a BA in Chemistry and PhD in Biochemistry. After working as a scientist (Research Fellow, Sloan Kettering Institute), I established a career in the intellectual property field in 1988 (patent agent, 1990; patent attorney 1992). My practice includes preparing and prosecuting patent and trademark applications, due diligence studies, preparing freedom to operate, patentability and patent invalidity opinions and preparing and reviewing technology agreements (e.g. licensing, joint

venture, research and development). I have been engaged in ADR since 2000.

#### **IV. General pertinent experience:**

- Have mediated over 25 cases in the commercial area (including multiparty) for American Arbitration Association, New York Supreme Court Commercial Division (New York County) and Small Claims Court in Westchester County.
- As member of the AAA's Commercial Division, FINRA and NFA's Neutrals' Panel, have arbitrated >25 (including multiparty) commercial disputes
- Also an arbitrator for the Lemon Law Program and is a member of the Westchester County Attorney Fee Dispute Resolution Arbitration Panel.
- Member, neutrals' panel for EDNY, ICC and WIPO

#### **V. Mediation training:**

- NJ Association of Professional Mediators 2011 (4 hrs)
- EDNY Workshop "Breaking Impasses" 2010 (2 hrs)
- ICC Amicable Dispute Resolution Training, 2008 (14 hrs.)
- Advanced Mediation Training for Commercial Mediators, NY State Judicial Institute, 2008 (8 hrs.)
- Special Education Mediation Training, NYSDRA (12 hours)
- Transformative Mediation Training, Hofstra University, 2007 (27 hrs.)
- EDNY Workshop, "Avoiding Litigation about Mediation", 2006 (1.0 hr.)
- Advanced Negotiation & Mediation Skills Training, 2005 (Abrams Mediation) (24 hrs.)
- EEOC Mediation Training, 2005 (12.5 hrs.)
- Basic Community Mediation Training, Westchester Mediation Center of Cluster, Inc. 2003 (35 hrs. certified 2004)
- Mediation Training-Franklin Pierce Law Center, 2001 (35 hrs.)

#### **VI. Pertinent bankruptcy training:**

- NYSBA CLE 2011-Basics of Bankruptcy Practice
- International Intellectual Property Society CLE 2011-Bankruptcy Consideration in Intellectual Property Transaction
- AIPLA meeting in October 2008 entitled "Tips from a Bankruptcy Trustee on the Treatment of IP Assets in Bankruptcy"
- "Mediating Bankruptcy Cases", NY County Lawyers Association, 2004
- "Protecting Intellectual Property Assets in Bankruptcy", Association of the Bar of the City of New York, 2002

#### **VII. General pertinent business or legal experience:**

25 years in the Intellectual Property field with both experience in private practice and in house

(Patent Attorney, Novo Nordisk of North America). Have had extensive interactions with business people particularly in transactional work.

**FACULTY APPOINTMENTS:** Acted as a coach in NY Supreme Court, Commercial Division (Queens County) Mediation Training (2007 and 2008); Instructor in Practising Law Institute's Annual Patent Prosecution Workshop: Advanced Claim Drafting and Amendment Writing (1996, 1998-2004) and organized and taught in National Association of Patent Prosecution's Short Course on the Nuts and Bolts of Patent Prosecution (2000-2004)

**REPRESENTATIVE SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:** Panelist, "Critical Junctures in Mediation and How Best to Handle Them," New York State Bar Association Dispute Resolution Section Annual Meeting, 2009, "The MPEP as a Practice Tool: It Is Not Just a Paperweight", National Association of Patent Practitioner's Meeting, 2008; Moderator, International Intellectual Property Society Program Entitled "Alternative Dispute Resolution in Intellectual Property Disputes", September 14, 2006; Host, NYIPLA Luncheon Program, Arbitration and Mediation in IP cases, January 14, 2005

**REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS:** Principal author, "Practitioner's Manual of Patent Examining Procedure," Thomson-Reuters, 2011; "Practitioner Patent Guidelines" Thomson-Reuters, 2011; Comparison of International Arbitration Procedures, NYIPLA Bulletin, pages 8-10 (March/April 2005); Agris, C.H. (2003) "Prior Art Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e): An Update-An Update-Effect of H.R. 2215 of H.R. 2215", Intellectual Property Today 10:8-9; Agris, C. "Patenting plants: What to claim", Nature BioTechnology 17:717-718 (1999)