

## Berkoff appointed to AAA-ICDR Council and AAA-ICDR Int'l. Panel

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Garden City, NY Leslie Berkoff, a partner and chair of the Dispute Resolution practice group at Moritt Hock & Hamroff, has been appointed to the American Arbitration Association (AAA) – International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR) Council and to the AAA-ICDR International Panel.

The AAA-ICDR International Panel is composed of geographically diverse specialists in international dispute resolution who are highly regarded professionals from business and legal communities. The ICDR is the foremost provider of global conflict-resolution solutions to businesses and organizations involved in cross-border disputes handling more cases than any other international institute.

The AAA-ICDR Council is part of the governance structure of the not-for-profit AAA-ICDR. Council

members are experts and thought leaders in their respective fields, representing a wide range of external perspectives drawn from their experience with companies, law firms, academic and government institutions. The Council is comprised of over 90 business executives, attorneys, in-house counsel, retired judges, law professors, industry professionals, arbitrators and mediators. Through the work of Council Committees, the Council, among other things, serves to further the AAA's mission of providing fair, effective, efficient and economical methods of dispute resolution through education, technology and solutions-oriented service.

Berkoff has an active alternate dispute resolution practice and frequently serves as a mediator and arbitrator. She is on the Mediation Panels for the Eastern, Southern and Northern Districts of the United States Bankruptcy Courts in New York and the United States Bankruptcy Courts in Delaware and the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, as well as the Commercial Mediation Panel for Nassau County and the Nassau County Bar Association. Additionally, she also serves on the Mediation Panels for the Bronx Supreme Court and Richmond County Supreme Court. Berkoff serves as a member of the Second Circuit United States Court of Appeals Pro Bono Appellate Mediation Panel and is a special master for the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department. Berkoff also serves on the AAA National Roster of Arbitrators. Berkoff serves as a member of the Dispute Resolution Section's Advisory Council of the American Bar Association (ABA) and is the incoming chair of the Business Law Section's Dispute Resolution Committee. She is the former co-chair of the Mediation Committee and current co-chair of the Ethical Issues and Ethical Standards Committee (June 2020 to present) of the Dispute Resolution Section of the New York State Bar Association. Berkoff is the contributing editor for the Journal Mediation Matters column for the American Bankruptcy Institute and an active member of the organization's mediation committee. She serves as the chair of the Mediation Sub-Committee of Chapter 11 Lawyers and Judges Advisory Committee for the United States Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of New York. Ms. Berkoff is the former chair of the firm's bankruptcy department and maintains a concentration in bankruptcy and restructuring litigation and corporate workouts nationally and locally. She earned her J.D. from Hofstra University School of Law.

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