



Nancy Lesser is the principal of Pax ADR, offering mediation, arbitration, and neutral evaluation services. Ms. Lesser has over 25 years of experience as a neutral, handling hundreds of complex commercial claims.

Ms. Lesser serves on the Large Complex Commercial Panel of the American Arbitration Association. Ms. Lesser is a panelist for the American Health Lawyers Association. She is the standing chair of the National Arbitration Panel, which hears disputes nationwide between Amtrak and freight railroads. Ms. Lesser is a Fellow of the College of Commercial Arbitrators.

### **Neutral Expertise**

Ms. Lesser has served as mediator and arbitrator in hundreds of complex commercial arbitrations, domestic and international. She has served as chair of numerous arbitration panels and serves frequently as a sole arbitrator or neutral wing. Ms. Lesser has a broad range of arbitration experience, from contract and securities cases; insurance coverage claims; utility ratemaking cases; healthcare industry disputes; post-merger disputes; accounting, medical and legal malpractice claims; copyright and patent claims; corporate governance issues; consumer and employee class actions; railroad disputes and other transportation-related issues; and breach of contract and breach of fiduciary duty claims between joint venture partners.

More details about Ms. Lesser's experience may be found on her website, [www.paxadr.com](http://www.paxadr.com).

### **Panel Memberships**

- Large Complex Commercial Panel, American Arbitration Association
- American Health Lawyers Association
- Standing Chair of the Amtrak National Arbitration Panel, which hears disputes between Amtrak and the freight railroads nationwide

### **Affiliations and Professional Activities**

Ms. Lesser is a Fellow of the College of Commercial Arbitrators. She served as past chair of the Ethical Guidance Committee of the Section of Dispute Resolution of the American Bar Association. She has served as mediation trainer for the U.S. Department of Justice, the International Trademark Association, and the International Law Institute. She speaks frequently on panels and to private groups on mediation and arbitration topics.

## **Professional Background**

### ***Founder and Principal, PAX ADR LLC*** 2001-present

Alternative dispute resolution firm providing arbitration, mediation, and neutral evaluation services.

### ***Senior Counsel to the Secretary, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2000-2001***

Legal advisor to Secretary; spearheaded major Secretarial policy initiatives, including fair housing enforcement, predatory lending, subsidized housing, historic preservation, and community development.

### ***Partner, Williams & Connolly, Washington, DC*** 1990-2000 (associate, 1982-1990)

Nationwide trial and appellate practice focusing on complex cases in federal and state courts. Cases managed included securities fraud class actions, corporate governance disputes, employment cases, intellectual property claims, and medical, legal, and accounting malpractice claims. Conducted internal investigations involving banking fraud and securities violations.

### ***Associate, Cravath, Swaine & Moore, New York, NY*** 1981-1982

*Litigation Associate*

## **Education**

J.D., Georgetown University Law Center, 1981, magna cum laude

M.A., Urban and Environmental Planning, University of Virginia, 2000

B.A., City College of the City of New York, 1975, summa cum laude

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