

ARBITRATION V. LITIGATION

A debate on the relative advantages and disadvantages of the two principal means for resolving commercial disputes in an adversarial proceeding.

PRESENTED BY:



Join us on October 26 at 5.30 p.m. at the Boston College Club, 100 Federal St 36th Floor, Boston, MA 02110 to hear Judge Michael Ricciuti (Massachusetts Superior Court, Business Litigation Session) debate Conna Weiner (JAMS) on the relative merits of litigation and arbitration.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

In recent years, arbitration has become a mainstay in resolving legal disputes and arbitration clauses are routinely incorporated into commercial contracts. But while many believe arbitration offers distinct advantages, others question whether it truly provides a cheaper, fairer and more efficient alternative to litigation, particularly where many courts now tailor their proceedings closely to the needs of the litigants. To help answer these questions, we have invited a judge and an arbitrator to engage in a debate over the relative merits of litigation and arbitration. This moderated debate will also feature commentary by leading litigators and in-house counsel on each of the topics.

DEBATE TOPICS:

- Is arbitration more efficient than litigation?
- Is arbitration more flexible than litigation?
- Is arbitration less expensive than litigation?
- Is arbitration fairer than litigation?
- Does arbitration provide greater certainty than litigation?
- Is there value in the confidentiality of arbitration that cannot be obtained in litigation?

DEBATERS:

Hon. Michael D. Ricciuti, Massachusetts Superior Court, Business Litigation Session
Conna A. Weiner, FCIArb, Esq., JAMS Mediator and Arbitrator

COMMENTATORS:

Krish Gupta, Sr. Vice President – Litigation and Intellectual Property, Dell Technologies
Wendy Venoit, Partner, Cozen O'Connor, former G.C. Suffolk Construction Company
Paul T. Dacier, General Counsel, Indigo Agriculture, Inc.

MODERATED BY:

Paul E. White, Partner, ArentFox Schiff LLP
Lisa. C. Wood, Partner, Foley Hoag LLP

Cocktails and Hors d'Oeuvres

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