

REGINA GIOVANNINI

Experience

Professional neutral in hundreds of mediations and arbitrations, including pre-litigation disputes and lawsuits pending in Texas courts and United States District Court. One of twenty arbitrators nationwide selected to serve on national panel arbitrating claims in *Willson v. New York Life Ins. Co.* class action settlement. Appointed Co-Chairman of twenty arbitrator national arbitration panel in *Natal v. Transamerica Occidental Life Ins. Co.* class action. Member of nationwide panel selected to hear appeals in *Prudential Ins. Co. of America Sales Practices Litigation* class action. Member of national arbitration training faculty and frequent lecturer on alternative dispute resolution. Civil litigation practice in Texas district and appellate courts, U.S. District Court and Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, representing parties in trial and alternative dispute resolution processes in cases involving business, insurance, personal injury, contracts, construction and design.

Work History

Private practice limited to arbitration and mediation (2002-present); Senior Partner, Trial Section, Chair of Alternative Dispute Resolution Practice Specialty Group, Thompson & Knight LLP (formerly Brown, Parker & Leahy LLP), Houston (1985–2002); Associate attorney, Trial Section, Barrow, Bland & Rehmet, Houston (1982-1984)

Education

Juris Doctorate, Notre Dame Law School (1982); *Bachelor of Arts magna cum laude*, University of Notre Dame, Phi Beta Kappa (1979); *Certificate of Completion*, Department of Russian Language & Philology, University of Leningrad, R.S.F.S.R., U.S.S.R. (1978)

Professional Affiliations

American Arbitration Association Commercial Arbitration Panel, Large Complex Case Arbitration Panel, Employment Arbitration Panel, Consumer Arbitration Panel, Construction Industry Arbitration Panel (former member); American Arbitration Association National Commercial Arbitration Faculty (1996-2013), American Arbitration Association Mediation Training Faculty (1992-1995); Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Houston Law Center (2007-2008); State Bar of Texas Grievance Committee 04F (1992-1998), Chairman (1993-1995); Houston Bar Foundation Life Fellow (1990--); Texas Bar Foundation Life Fellow (1991--); Association of Attorney-Mediators, Inc. (President, National Assn. 2000-2001); State Bar of Texas: Alternative Dispute Resolution Section, ADR Section Council (Board of Directors 2007-2010); Houston Bar Association Alternative Dispute Resolution Section (Chairman 1999-2000); Ad Hoc Committee appointed by United States District Judge Nancy Atlas to redraft Local Rule 20 of the United States District Court, Southern District of Texas, creating Alternative Dispute Resolution procedures for the Southern District of Texas (1999); Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory AV rating

Bar Admissions

Supreme Court of the State of Texas; United States District Court for all Districts of Texas, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

Teaching & Publications

Frequent speaker, author, and instructor on ADR processes for arbitrators, advocates, and in-house corporate staff, with particular emphasis on ethical duties, for American Arbitration Association local, regional, and national conferences and neutrals training, State Bar of Texas, TexasBarCLE, Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution, Texas Center for Legal Ethics, Texas Institute of CLE, American Corporate Legal Assistants Association, and South Texas College of Law.