

Lippes Mathias Alternative Dispute Resolution Team Leader Hon. Carol E. Heckman (Ret.) to Speak at Connecticut Bar Association Arbitration Program



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Hon. Carol E. Heckman (Ret.), a partner at Lippes Mathias LLP and leader of the firm's alternative dispute resolution practice team, will be a featured speaker at the Connecticut Bar Association's (CBA) upcoming program, Effective Advocacy and Management in Arbitration: Managing a Successful Arbitration for Litigators. The event will take place on Thursday, May 1, 2025, at the Hawthorne Inn in Berlin, Connecticut.

Presented by the CBA Alternative Dispute Resolution Section and the College of Commercial Arbitrators, the one-day program is an approved CLE program for lawyers admitted in Connecticut and is designed to provide litigators with a deeper understanding of arbitration procedures and advocacy. It will cover key aspects of the arbitration process, including panel selection, prehearing preparation, document exchange, time management, and professionalism in arbitration. Participants will also receive a digital copy of the College of Commercial Arbitrators Guide to Best Practices in Commercial Arbitration, Fourth Edition.

Judge Heckman is one of several experienced speakers at the event. Register for the program [HERE](#).

About Hon. Carol E. Heckman (Ret.)

With more than 40 years of experience as a trial lawyer and judge, Judge Heckman (Ret.) has an active practice as an arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association and conducts arbitrations in most major metropolitan areas with a particular concentration in New York City. In addition to arbitrations and mediations, Judge Heckman was selected as a fellow to the College of Commercial Arbitrators, an exclusive group of commercial arbitrators representing the best in the United States, where she serves as co-chair of the Education Committee and as a member of its Board of Directors. Judge Heckman is a contributing author to that group's new edition of Best Practices in Commercial Arbitration, due to be published in March of 2025.

Judge Heckman served as a magistrate judge in the Western District of New York for eight years, where she was selected to sit on the Federal Judicial Conference's Education Committee for Magistrate Judges and served as an officer in the Federal Magistrate Judges Association. She has also served as a trial attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., an assistant U.S. attorney in Buffalo, New York, and as a law clerk for Hon. John T. Curtin, former chief judge of the Western District of New York.

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