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| Present  Jan. 1999 -  Feb 2021    2015-Present | **Independent Arbitrator & Mediator**  **Head of Litigation, GE Oil & Gas and Baker Hughes Company**  Global Chief Litigation Counsel of GE Oil & Gas, a division of General Electric, and Vice President – Litigation, Baker Hughes (2017 merger)  Key responsibilities included oversight of global litigation docket; acting as counsel of record in mediation and arbitration proceedings; hiring & leading global dispute resolution teams; audit & reporting requirements; preparing and implementing budgets & cost-out targets; creating GE Oil & Gas compliance leadership program; and developing cross-company legal & negotiation trainings for lawyers & project managers.  **Adjunct Professor, Bocconi Law School**  Legal writing courses for law students and for LLM program in intellectual property |
| Oct. 94 –  Jan. 99 | **Willkie Farr & Gallagher**, New York  Associate in Litigation department, with focus on securities, accounting, and antitrust, as well as investigations & int’l commercial contracts. |
|  | **Other Legal experience**  • Research Ass’t to Prof. Gary Simson, Constitutional Law, Cornell, Summer 1994  • Law Clerk, Office of City Attorney, Ithaca, New York, Oct. 1993 – May 1994  • Summer Associate, Willkie Farr & Gallagher, New York, June-August 1993  • Legal Intern, Department of Justice, Office of International Affairs – Summer 1992 |

# OTHER EXPERIENCE

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| 1985-91 | **Reporter Publications**,Florence, Italy  Editor & Writer of monthly magazine for students of English |

# EDUCATION

1994 **Cornell Law School**,J.D. with Specialization in Int’l Legal Affairs  
Honors and Activities: Law Review, Moot Ct Board, Captain-Jessup Int’l Moot Ct Team

1985 **University of California, Berkeley**,A.B., English

**Languages** Fluent in English and Italian

**Interests** Guitar, hiking, reading, biking

**Associations**

2017 - PresentChair, ICC Governing Body for Dispute Resolution Services (subcommittee of the Executive Board of the International Chamber of Commerce) since November 2019, and member of Governing Body since 2017; member of ICC Finance Committee since 2020. <https://iccwbo.org/about-us/governance/the-icc-governing-body-for-dispute-resolution-services/>

2017 - Present International Bar Association (IBA), Corporate Liaison to Officers Committee

IBA Mediation Committee 2020-21

IBA Arbitration Committee 2017-2019, and.

2016-17 Chair, Global Pound Conference 2016-17, [www.globalpound.org](http://www.globalpound.org)

2008-2020 Board Member and Past President, International Mediation Institute (IMI), 2008-2020

2016-Present Member of the International Advisory Board of the Consensual Dispute Resolution Competition (CDRC)

**Publications:**

**Textbooks**

*Negotiating International Commercial Contracts: Practical Exercises* (Eleven Int’l Publishing, Dec 2020), co-author G. Moser

*International Arbitration & Mediation: A Practical Guide* (Kluwer 2010), co-author J. Savage

**Selected book chapters and articles**

### The Future of International Arbitration Isn’t Over Yet, in International Arbitration and the COVID-19 Revolution (Kluwer Law Int’l 2021), co-author Ema Vidak-Gojkovic

### Develop a Negotiation Index, in Seven Keys to Unlock Mediation’s Golden Age (first published on Mediate.com in June 2020)

### An Unamicable Separation: Brexit Consequences for London as a Premier Seat of International Dispute Resolution, Kluwer Journal of Int’l Arbitration (2016)

### Puppies or Kittens? A Modest Proposal to Help Arbitrators Better Match Themselves with User Expectations, with E Vidak-Gojkovic and L. Greenwood, in Annual Yearbook of the Vienna Int’l Arbitration Centre (Feb. 2016)

### Selecting Arbitrators for Commercial Oil & Gas Industry Arbitrations, in The Leading Practitioners’ Guide to Intl’ Oil & Gas Industry Arbitration (J. Gaitis ed., 2015, Juris Publishing)

### Finishing Before You Start: International Mediation, with E. Villarreal, in Int’ Litigation Strategies and Practice (B. Legum, ed., 2d edition, 2014 ABA)

### Transparency in International Arbitration: What Are Arbitrators and Institutions Afraid Of?, with R. Schroeder, in Contemporary Issues in Int’l Arbitration and Mediation: The Fordham Papers 2010 (2011), reprinted in Rise of Transparency in Int’l Arbitration, Chamber of Arbitration of Milan (Juris 2013)

### Chapters on Chamber of Milan Arbitration rules: (1) The Model Clause, (2) The Request for Arbitration, (3) The Statement of Defense, in The Chamber of Arbitration of Milan Rules: A Commentary (R. Luzzatto & U. Draetta, eds, 2012, Juris Publishing)

### Common and Civil Law Approaches to Procedure, with H. Alvarez, in Int’l Commercial Arbitration Practice: 21st Century Perspectives (H. Grigera Naon & P. Mason, eds, 2011, LexisNexis)

### Faster, Cheaper: Global Initiatives to Promote Efficiency in International Arbitration, 76 Arbitration 568–570 (2010)

### Ignoring the Elephant in the Room: International Arbitration: Corporate Attitudes and Practices 2008, 2 World Arbitration & Mediation Review 111 (2009)

### The View from an International Arbitration Customer: In Dire Need of Early Resolution, with R. Schroeder, 74 Arbitration 3-11 (2008)

### Grading the Arbitrator, 73 Arbitration 224-27 (2007)

How to Define Winning: Rights, Lawyers, and Interests in Int’l Disputes, with R. Calabresi (Florence Chamber of Commerce; reprinted in English in Transnational Dispute Management, 2006)

Joinder: Current Practice in Int’l Arbitration, with S. Moollan, Transnational Dispute Management (June 2005)

Selective Perception and Bad Faith Allegations in Commercial Dispute Negotiations, Alternatives (October 2004)

Il Successo del programma EDR a GE (GE’s Early Dispute Resolution Program), *Risoluzione Alternativa delle Controversie Commerciali* (Il Sole 24 Ore newspaper, 2001)

**Blog & Podcast**

Contributing Editor to Kluwer International Arbitration Blog, <http://kluwerarbitrationblog.com/>, with numerous posts from 2011

Creator & host, *International Dispute Negotiation*, podcast published between 2007-2011 by the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution (CPR), containing interviews with leaders in dispute resolution around the world, such as Emmanuel Gaillard, William Ury, Lord Woolf of Barnes (Chief Justice of England and Wales), Karl Mackie, Erich Tuchman. Available at:

<https://imimediation.org/resources/podcasts/#mike-mcilwrath-mediation-podcasts>

and

<http://www.cpradr.org/audio1.asp>

**Recognitions** Champion of Change, award of Arbitral Women, for fostering diversity in international arbitration, 2017

Excellence in Dispute Resolution, presented by the Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution (CPR) in New York in January 2009, for efforts promoting access to justice through mediation

GE General Counsel Award, General Electric, 2009

Innovation award, Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR), for podcast on international dispute resolution, 2008

CEO Award, GE Oil & Gas, 2007

CEO Excellence Award, GE Oil & Gas, 2002

Subject of Harvard Business School Case Study, “GE’s Early Dispute Resolution Initiative” (Prof. Michael Wheeler, 2001)

Recognition by the National Center for Science Education, for efforts to promote the teaching of science in public education, 2013

**In-House**

**Teaching** Negotiation Training Path, GE Oil & Gas Project Management Academy, 2002-present

### Comparative Law and Negotiation, “Raising The Bar”, John F. Welch Leadership Development Center (“GE Crotonville”), course for GE global lawyers, 2015-17

**Training** Baker Hughes Leadership Excellence Summit, 2019

GE Advanced Business Course for Lawyers (2006)

GE Management Development Course (MDC), Crotonville, NY (2001)

GE Pan-European Leadership, Florence (2001)

Six Sigma: Green Belt, DMAIC and DFSS, 2000