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Lizbeth Hasse has served as mediator, arbitrator, negotiator, or special master in thousands of matters in the United States and internationally. She is a Fellow with the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators based in London and has had an active ADR practice since 1998. Bringing 30+ years of international experience in the fields of intellectual property, business operations, entertainment/media, and technology law, Ms. Hasse has proven sophistication to manage a wide range of disputes. In addition to her private ADR practice, she is regularly requested to team up with Judge Daniel H. Weinstein (ret.) (JAMS/Weinstein Mediation Group) in mediation of the nation's largest and most challenging antitrust, intellectual property, securities class actions and commercial disputes. Ms. Hasse is best known for her resourceful insights, intellectual acumen, masterful communication skills and tenacity which enable her to resolve high stakes and multi-party cases involving highly talented lawyers and their clients. Her skills at designing process have helped her to structure and bring about solutions to complex matters in fields as diverse as technology transfer, long-term licensing and environmental remediation.

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REPRESENTATIVE ADR AND NEGOTIATION MATTERS

- **Intellectual Property** –High tech, software and hardware patent and copyright infringement; trademark infringement claims by multinational companies; patent licensing dispute in then-highest value patent settlement; infringement involving data and encryption; fashion design misappropriation; secondary liability in online copyright infringement; video game licensing dispute; copyright termination; negotiation of high tech venture involving governmental and private stakeholders in West Africa; university/ researcher IP issues.
- **Entertainment and Media** – Settlement master long-term for multi-platinum rock band; disgruntled author against film production company; music rights and distributors; settlement of high-gross film property royalty dispute; file-sharing copyright actions; disputes in all media; pre-filing resolution in production and talent matters; defamation; “idea theft;” misappropriation and distribution disputes involving popular TV series; arbitration of rights between motion picture co-producers; rights of publicity.

- **Business/Commercial** – Employee and customer raiding; high-value merger and investor disputes; team mediation of multi-party international anti-trust/price-fixing in tech industries; breach of buy-sell agreement in ongoing business relation; joint agency dispute; back-dating options arbitrations; attorneys’ fee arbitrations; international joint venture negotiations in Senegal, Russia, Ukraine; negotiation for continuation of partnership; professional malpractice actions in accounting and in legal practice.
- **Class Action** – Institutional lender-borrower class action; DRAM anti-trust claims of private and governmental plaintiffs; class cert issues; securities fraud; multiple carrier insurance coverage issues in class action; team member resolving: Adelphia bankruptcy; multiple Enron class actions; Dynegy class action; pharmaceutical securities fraud class; consumer products and consumer fraud class actions; financial entities and fraudulent reporting; constructive resolution of class actions where potential statutory penalties would bankrupt company.
- **Environmental** – Extractive industries and indigenous community claims; mining disaster international claims resolution; environmental impact report challenge; environmental activists v. companies and regulatory agencies; toxic tort and remediation claims.
- **Employment** – Executive compensation dispute between doctors and medical institution; sex discrimination cases against airline, law firm and sports entity; statutory wage and benefits class action in petroleum and other industries.
- **Nonprofit/Education** – Discrimination alleged in public school system; dispute between nonprofits over donors; negotiation of nonprofits’ successful merger; issues between founder of charity and non-profit board; facilitation of board and constituent issues for nonprofits; dispute over donors and scope of activities between international non-profits.
- **Board Governance** – Custom resolutions of a variety of board disputes and dysfunctional situations for non-profits and profit entities.
- **Insurance Coverage** – Dispute over subrogation language; inconsistencies/differences in policy language between layers of insurance coverage.
- **Professional Liability** – Accounting negligence in bet-the-company litigation; attorney malpractice in motion picture production and IP rights matters.
- **Securities** – Acquisition of company and stock trade resolution; variety of stock-drop Dura class action analyses; restatement, securities fraud and/or §11 cases at different stages of litigation; control person liability; resolution of derivative actions involving governance and fee/cost negotiations; settlement of China reverse-merger actions.
- **Other Matters** – Holocaust art claims; mediation of issues in first local election since independence in Kyrgyzstan; mediation involving supplies of Russian goods to Afghan Relief Fund in Uzbekistan; copyright/author’s rights disputes relating to filmmakers of former Soviet Union and international film distributors; resolution of civil component of human trafficking matter; resolution of oil company and indigenous populations’ claims.

DISTINCTIONS

- Rated AV by Martindale-Hubbell peer-rated law directory (highest rating category); Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers; Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers.
- Fulbright Fellow – Paris, France; Legal Scholar in comparative law.
- Selected Member, The Masters Forum of the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University.
- Certified by United Nations in Civilian Personnel of Peace-Keeping, Mediation and Election Monitoring at International Faculty of Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna, (Advanced Studies in Human Rights and Conflict Management), Pisa, Italy.

APPROVED PANELS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, London
- Mediator, Weinstein Mediation Group; lead IP/Entertainment/Media ADR; mediation trainer
- Panelist, AIPLA (American Intellectual Property Law Association) ADR Neutral Registry
- Panelist, Arts Arbitration and Mediation Services, San Francisco
- Panelist, Bar Association of San Francisco, Qualified Mediator Panel and Trainer of Mediators
- Member, American Bar Association – Intellectual Property and Dispute Resolution Sections.
- Member, California Bar Association – Intellectual Property, Litigation, Dispute Resolution and International Law sections.
- Member, San Francisco Intellectual Property Association and Women’s Intellectual Property Association.

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TEACHING AND EDUCATION

- JD, University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law, California Fellowship
- MA, University of California, Berkeley, Jurisprudence and Social Policy
- BA, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT, Linguistics (emp. Classics) - magna cum laude, Highest Honors, member of Honors College, Phi Beta Kappa.
- Taught intellectual property, civil law, comparative law, dispute resolution, media law and legal theory as visiting faculty at University of California, Berkeley; University of Paris V; Udayana University (Indonesia); American University of Armenia and for seminars and symposia internationally.

LANGUAGES: English, French, functional German and Russian; classical Greek and Latin.

RELATED EXPERIENCE

- Senior partner, Creative Industry Law Group, LLP; formerly practiced at Heller, Ehrman, White & McAuliffe, Steinhart & Falconer, and Coudert Brothers in San Francisco (focus on IP, trade secret, licensing, business operations, litigation representing both plaintiffs and defendants).

- Supported by MacArthur Foundation, Soros Foundation, Rockefeller Fund, Internews, and USAID to assist in drafting of civil law, media law and IP legislation, institution-building, and designing and assessing Rule of Law and legal reform programs in African, Central Asian, Eastern European and former Soviet countries.
- Legal advisor to Glasnost Defense Foundation, Moscow, Russia, 1989-1993.
- Member, Boards of Directors: Heart-to-Heart International Children's Medical Alliance; Track Two Center for Diplomacy; the Russian-American Center; Founding Committee of the Edible Schoolyard, Berkeley, CA; Trustee: Presidio Graduate School, San Francisco.