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Harrie Samaras is a full-time arbitrator and mediator in her own practice, focusing on commercial cases (US and international) in the areas of intellectual property and business and technology disputes. Harrie earned a B.S. and an M.S. degree in the life sciences from the University of Maryland, a J.D. degree from the University of Baltimore School of Law, and an LL.M. degree in Patent and Trade Regulation Law from the George Washington University Law School.

Before starting her own practice, she served as a patent examiner in the biomedical arts at the US Patent and Trademark Office, after which she served as a staff attorney and a law clerk to Chief Judge Helen W. Nies at the US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. She worked in private practice representing clients at the trial and appellate levels in intellectual property cases, and worked in the corporate sector, serving as director of intellectual property litigation for a Fortune 500 telecommunications company and as Vice President intellectual property, legal, for a business unit of a multinational pharmaceutical company.

She is a Fellow of the College of Commercial Arbitrators, a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, and a Distinguished Fellow of the International Academy of Mediators.

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