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Loretta Gastwirth is a partner in Meltzer, Lippe, Goldstein & Breitstone, LLP's Litigation, Labor & Employment, Construction and Social Media, Software & Privacy practice groups. She also heads Meltzer Lippe's Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) group.

Gastwirth's practice encompasses commercial, contract, employment, construction, insurance, intellectual property, trade secrets, securities, business ownership and Indian Gaming law litigation, arbitration, mediation and appeals.

Well known for her work in mediation and arbitration, Gastwirth has long served as an arbitrator and mediator on the prestigious Commercial, Construction and Employment panels of the American Arbitration Association. She also serves as a mediator for the Commercial Divisions of the New York State Supreme Court for Nassau, Suffolk, New York, Queens and Westchester counties and as an arbitrator and mediator for the Nassau County Bar Association Panels of Arbitrators and Mediators.

Video conferencing has become a valuable resource and it is likely here to stay, Gastwirth said.

"I often work as a neutral arbitrator or mediator resolving matters outside of court litigation (i.e., alternative dispute resolution or ADR)," she said. "Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, I conducted mediation and arbitrations using Zoom.

That trend will continue for numerous reasons, particularly for mediations and arbitrations with limited documents."

"Using Zoom reduces travel costs and time, making it more likely that out-of-town parties and witnesses will participate in the ADR process," Gastwirth explained. "A mediator often meets privately with each side. Zoom's breakout rooms are ideal for that process, freeing other participants to take breaks or attend to other matters, rejoining the Zoom session when required."

"Finally, Zoom allows mediators and arbitrators to focus on participants' facial expressions, an important component of the process," she noted.

Among her many recognitions, Gastwirth has been honored by Long Island Press as a Long Island Power Woman in Business.

She is the co-chair of the Domestic Arbitration Committee of the New York State Bar Association, Dispute Resolution Section and a member of the American Bar Association and Nassau County Bar Association where she serves on the Advisory Council for its Mediation and Arbitration Panels. She is also the former chair of the Executive Committee of the Cardozo Alumni Association, consisting of over 14,000 alumni and former Co-Chair of the Cardozo Long Island Alumni Club.

Meltzer Lippe is a full-service law firm with offices in Mineola, New York City and Boca Raton, FL. The firm's practice encompasses all aspects of corporate and business law, bankruptcy, commercial litigation, construction, environmental, labor & employment, private wealth & taxation, real estate; social media, software and privacy; tax-exempt organizations, trusts and estates, trust and estate litigation.