



## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual CI Arb Canada Symposium on Commercial Arbitration

### Mark Morril



**Mark Morril** is an independent arbitrator and mediator in New York City. His experience covers a wide range of complex commercial disputes, including those concerning transactions and post-closing adjustments, insurance coverage, distribution agreements, joint ventures and partnerships, intellectual property, entertainment and media, technology, telecom and energy. He is experienced in the major institutional rules and as an ad hoc arbitrator. He has been designated to a number of specialty panels on institutional rosters, including the Large and Complex Commercial Disputes and Master Mediator Panels of the AAA/ICDR and the General Counsel, Deal Facilitation and Employment Disputes Panels of CPR.

Prior to becoming a full-time arbitrator and mediator, Mr. Morril was General Counsel of Simon & Schuster, then the world's largest English-language publisher, and Deputy General Counsel of the global media company ViacomCBS, with television, motion picture and related businesses, as well as very significant legacy industrial operations. Mr. Morril was the senior disputes lawyer at ViacomCBS, with responsibility for the world-wide litigation and ADR docket, and managed the 275-lawyer law department. Earlier in his career, he was a law firm litigation partner, worked in public policy, and was a judicial law clerk.

Mr. Morril is ranked as a Band One arbitrator in the Chambers Global Guide to International Arbitrators and is a Certified Mediator of the International Mediation Institute. Users and peers have described Mr. Morril as "an excellent chair [who] can ably take a complicated set of facts and reduce it to a readable and immune award ...a popular choice for commercial arbitrations". Another Chambers source comments that Mr. Morril's business experience provides "an excellent perspective for commercial disputes. That frame of reference is highly helpful." (Chambers USA) As mediator, he has been described as a "candidate of first resort" for his "very impressive and high-end legal work - combined with a high level of economic and psychological as well as tactical know-how." (IMI Feedback Digest)

Mr. Morril has spoken and written extensively on cybersecurity issues, including as the co-author of *A Call to Cyberarms: The International Arbitrator's Duty to Avoid Digital Intrusion*, 40 Fordham Int'l LJ 981 (2016) (with Stephanie Cohen), re-published as *A Call to Cyberarms: The International Arbitrator's Duty to Avoid Digital Intrusion by Taking Reasonable Cybersecurity Measures*, TDM ISSN 1875-4120 (Oct. 2017), and as a member of the ICCA-NYC Bar-CPR Working Group on Cybersecurity in International Arbitration, which recently released the *Protocol on Cybersecurity in International Arbitration* (2020 Edition).

Details about Mr. Morril's education and background, experience as an arbitrator and mediator, and professional activities are available on his website [MorrilADR.com](http://MorrilADR.com).