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Available in Fairfield County, Westchester and NYC to mediate and arbitrate disputes arising in most commercial contexts, Rob Harris has a particular interest in matters involving:

- the financial services industry
- physicians and medical practices
- the owners, principals and senior executives of privately held businesses
- trust and estate fiduciaries
- real estate development

Mr. Harris served three years as Chair of the Connecticut Bar Association's Dispute Resolution Section, and his ADR achievements have earned him recognition as a recipient of "The Honorable Robert C. Zampano Award for Excellence in Mediation," named after a Connecticut federal judge renowned for his dispute resolution skills. Mr. Harris is a frequent writer and speaker on arbitration and mediation issues.

Rob brings to his ADR practice the experience gained from litigating commercial disputes since 1982, first at Zeldes, Needle & Cooper and currently at Levett Rockwood. He has particular expertise in the prosecution and defense of claims involving the misappropriation of corporate and partnership opportunities, enforceability of restrictive covenants, lender liability, theft of trade secrets, and termination of distributorships and franchises. His achievements include representation of the prevailing party in *Ostrowski v. Avery*, 703 A.2d 117 (Conn. 1997), considered a defining case regarding the obligations owed by a corporation and management to minority shareholders.

From 2005 through 2010, Mr. Harris served as in-house general counsel, chief administrative officer and corporate secretary to OpHedge Investment Services, LLC, a multinational hedge fund administrator that serviced some of the industry's largest and most complex hedge funds and asset managers. At OpHedge, he had ownership of all legal matters for the company and its three international subsidiaries, and was a member of the senior management team that in five years took the company from start up to a successful exit event.

He received his undergraduate education at Haverford College and graduated from the University of Virginia School of Law.