

Firm News | August 18, 2021

Troutman Pepper Partner Matt Adler Authors Second Edition of 'Arbitration: Cases, Problems, and Practice' Law School Textbook

RELATED PROFESSIONALS

Matthew H. Adler

RELATED OFFICES

Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA – Troutman Pepper Partner Matt Adler has authored the second edition of his law school textbook, "Arbitration: Cases, Problems, and Practice," which presents current case law and real-world practice pointers to teach future attorneys how to win their arbitration cases from the earliest procedural stage. The book explores the three phases of an arbitration and guides students through an actual arbitration from start to finish, including the organizational conference, discovery issues, and third-party and expert witness testimony.

Notably, the second edition, published by Carolina Academic Press, covers numerous legal and societal changes in the past five years that are unique to any other arbitration casebook on the market, including:

- the ongoing legal and political debate on class action bans in arbitration clauses, which raises fundamental access to court issues, including the seminal 2018 SCOTUS decision in Epic Systems;
- the impact of the #MeToo movement on arbitration clauses in sexual harassment cases;
- the continued battle over arbitrator diversity, spearheaded by entertainer Jay-Z's 2018 petition alleging discrimination in the American Arbitration Association's arbitrator rosters;
- the chaos created by the ambiguous "manifest disregard" standard—does it allow for appeal of arbitration awards?—and how the New York courts dealt with this issue; and,
- the new "Prague Rules" in international arbitration by which Eastern European and Russian lawyers advocate for less discovery and more arbitrator control.

The book has been developed and "road tested" by Adler's students over the past 15 years of teaching at law schools. Adler is currently on the faculty of the George Washington University Law School and has previously taught at Rutgers and the University of Virginia.

With more than 30 years of experience as a practicing attorney and law professor, Adler is a trusted authority in the arbitration space. He regularly advises clients in commercial disputes in the United States and around the world, providing creative solutions in mediation, counseling, U.S. courtrooms, and arbitration panels. His clients turn to him for development of practical arbitration clauses, for counseling on dispute resolution procedures and, for when disputes advance, to lead arbitration teams in the U.S. and abroad.

Adler has conducted arbitrations on four continents in virtually every area of commercial practice, including sale of business, intellectual property, employment, and the intersection of contract, patent and trade secret rights. His cases have spanned a broad spectrum from extensive JAMS hearings to AAA proceedings with competing jurisdictional issues.

He has written extensively on the development of commercial arbitration law in the United States, especially in the wake of the explosion of U.S. Supreme Court cases in the past 15 years and is a frequent guest speaker on the subject.

About Troutman Pepper

Troutman Pepper is a national law firm with more than 1,200 attorneys strategically located in 23 U.S. cities. The firm's litigation, transactional, and regulatory practices advise a diverse client base, from start-ups to multinational enterprises. The firm provides sophisticated legal solutions to clients' most pressing business challenges, with depth across industry sectors, including construction, energy, finance, health sciences, insurance, private equity, real estate, and technology, among others. Learn more at troutman.com.

RELATED INDUSTRIES + PRACTICES

- International Dispute Resolution
- Litigation + Trial