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Deborah Greenspan is a leading adviser on mass claims strategy and resolution. Her practice focuses on class actions, mass claims, dispute resolution, insurance recovery, and mass tort bankruptcy. She has extensive experience in mass product liability matters, analysis of damages and future liability exposure, alternative dispute resolution (“ADR”), claims evaluation and dispute analysis, settlement distribution design and implementation, claims management, and risk analysis.

Deborah has been appointed by judges and government institutions to serve as a Special Master both to analyze specific matters and to design and implement complex resolution programs to address thousands of personal injury claims. She served as the court-appointed Special Master responsible for developing and implementing a settlement program to distribute funds to over 100,000 Vietnam veterans. She served as the Deputy Special Master for the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001 for over 9 years, responsible for conceiving the policies and for facilitating the distribution of over \$9 billion to victims of the September 11 attacks. Deborah represents and advises companies on strategic options and efficient resolution of pending or minimizing the risk of potential future mass claims. She advises clients on the analysis and management of risk, on options and procedures for limiting exposure, on development and design of resolution options, and on securing assets/insurance

### **Special Master Appointments**

- Special Master, *Ora Cohen, et al. v. Islamic Republic of Iran*, 1:12-cv-01496 (CRC) (D.D.C. Sept. 10, 2012)
- Special Master, 1998 American Embassy Bombings:

- *Wamai v. Republic of Sudan*, 08-1349 (JDB) (D.D.C. Aug. 8, 2005)
- *Amduso v. Republic of Sudan*, 08-1361 (JDB) (D.D.C. Aug. 8, 2005)
- *Mwila v. Islamic Republic of Iran*, 08-1377 (JDB) (D.D.C. Aug. 7, 2008)
- *Onsongo v. Republic of Sudan*, 08-1380 (JDB) (D.D.C. Aug. 7, 2008)
- Deputy Special Master, re-authorized September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (2011)
- Deputy Special Master, September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001
- Special Master, In re “Agent Orange” Product Liability Litigation
- Special Master, In re Joint Eastern and Southern Districts Asbestos Litigation (New York)

### **Illustrative Presentations**

- Panel Moderator, “D&O Insurance Cyber Liability Forum,” Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section of the American Bar Association, 2018
- Speaker, “Allocation of Settlement Proceeds & Lien Resolution,” The Mass Tort Global Settlement Architecture Conference, Perrin Conferences, 2017
- Speaker, “Disaster Claims Recovery: What Claimants and Their Lawyers Should Know,” ABA-Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section (TIPS) audio webinar, 2017
- Speaker, IntAP – International Alliance of Asbestos and Pollution Reinsurers e.V. June 2017 General/Technical Meeting, presentation on mass torts/asbestos and other mass claims in the United States
- Speaker, “Unconventional Responses to Unique Catastrophes: Tailoring the Law to Meet the Challenges,” 2016 DRI (The Voice of the Defense Bar) Class Actions Conference

- Panelist, “When the Levee Breaks – Resolving Complex Claims: Lessons of the Deepwater Horizon, Katrina, and More,” 2015 American Bar Association Section of Litigation Annual Conference
- Panelist, “Preparing for Fraud Amidst Chaos,” 2013 *National Law Journal* Crisis Litigation Series: “Navigating Fallout from Catastrophic Events”
- Panelist, Roundtable: “Who Uses Mediation?,” International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution (“CPR”) 2013 Brazil Business Mediation Congress
- Speaker, “Who Gets What?,” American Bar Association, 2013 Business Law Section Spring Meeting
- Panelist, “Out of the Ashes: 9-11 – A Cinematic Study of Mediation,” 18th Annual Alternative Dispute Resolution Institute and 2011 Neutrals’ Conference at the State Bar of Georgia
- Panelist, “Sue or Settle? The Adequacy of Tort Law to Fairly and Expeditiously Compensate Victims of Mass Disasters,” Roger Williams University School of Law Conference: “Blowout: The Legal Legacy of the Deepwater Horizon Catastrophe”
- Speaker, Personal Injury and Settlement Distributions, Duke University-Federal Judicial Center Class Action Settlements Workshop
- Speaker, “Out of the Ashes: 9/11 – a Model for Dispute Resolution,” 13th Annual American Bar Association Spring Conference
- Faculty, Workshop “When Disaster Strikes: The Role of ADR in Resolving Mass Claims,” International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution (“CPR”) Annual Meeting
- Workshop on Victims Compensation, Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism at Syracuse University
- Bar Association (PA) 2012 Bench Bar Conference, *State of the Judiciary* session re: Compensation of Victims of the September 11 Attacks
- Panel chair and speaker – IQPC Drug and Medical Device Litigation Conference regarding “Structuring and Administering Mass Torts Settlements”
- Panelist and speaker – Federal Bar Association’s Indian Law Conference

- Faculty and speaker – ALI-ABA conference “The Art and Science of Serving as Special Master in Federal and State Courts”

## Publications

- Co-Author, “Asbestos – the Never Ending Story: Recent Developments in U.S. Law on Scope of Exposure and Limitations on Jurisdiction,” December 2017 issue of General Reinsurance (Gen Re) German liability magazine *Phil|Haftpflicht – Recht & Versicherung*, Nr. 6/2017
- Co-Author, “Recent Developments in Alternative Dispute Resolution,” *Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Law Journal*, Winter 2017 (52:2) of the ABA
- Co-Author, “Recent Developments in Alternative Dispute Resolution,” *Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Law Journal*, Winter 2016 (51:2) of the ABA
- Author, "Helping Clients Determine Whether the Alternative Dispute Resolution Process is Appropriate and How to Reach a Fair Remedy," *Inside the Minds: Trends in Alternative Dispute Resolution*, Published December 2012 by Aspatore Books (a "Thomson Reuters business")
- Co-author, "Settle or Sue? The Use and Structure of Alternative Compensation Programs in the Mass Claims Context," *Roger Williams University Law Review*, Winter 2012 issue (Volume Seventeen, Number One)
- Co-author, “Non-Debtor Injunctions Barring Future Asbestos Claims Under Bankruptcy Code § 524(g),” *The New York Law Journal*, July 16, 2012
- Author, "Evolving Case Law Affecting Mass Tort Bankruptcy Cases and Reorganization Plans," *Aspatore Thought Leadership - Bankruptcy and Financial Restructuring Law 2012: Top Lawyers on Trends and Key Strategies for the Upcoming Year*
- Co-Chair/Author, Master Guide to Mass Claims Resolution Facilities, [www.cpradr.org](http://www.cpradr.org) (2011)
- Author, “ADR Strategies and Their Benefits,” *Financier Worldwide*, March 2011
- Author, “Expect a Rise in U.S. Government Enforcement Action and Whistleblower Claims,” *Financier Worldwide*, January 2011

- Co-author, “Mediation: An Effective Tool in Multi-Party International Disputes,” *Financier Worldwide*, December 2010
- Panelist, “The Effective Dispute Resolution Roundtable,” *Financier Worldwide*, August 2010
- Author, “Recent Decisions Regarding Third-Party Releases and the Scope of Jurisdiction of Bankruptcy Courts,” *Inside the Minds: Navigating Recent Bankruptcy Law Trends, 2010*
- Co-author of the *Final Report of the Special Master for the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001* provided to the U.S. Department of Justice
- Rapporteur for the American Arbitration Association Task Force on Alternative Dispute Resolution and Mass Torts

### **Outside the Firm**

Deborah serves as Vice-Chair of the Dispute Resolution Committee of TIPS, the Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section of the American Bar Association (2016/18) and is the chair-elect designee for that committee. She is a member of the Board of Overseers for the Rand Institute of Civil Justice. She is a member of the board of the Academy of Court-Appointed Masters. She served as rapporteur for the American Arbitration Association Task Force on Alternative Dispute Resolution and Mass Tort and was the co-chair of the Mass Claims Commission of the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution (“CPR”).

Deborah clerked for the Honorable Horace W. Gilmore, U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, from 1981 to 1983, and for the Honorable Edward Allen Tamm, U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, from 1983 to 1984. She joined the Washington, DC office of an Am Law 100 firm, and in 1992 she helped form a boutique firm, The Feinberg Group. Prior to joining Blank Rome, she was the co-leader of the complex dispute resolution practice at an Am Law 200 firm.