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## JAMS Adds AI-Focused Litigation Vet To Arbitration Team

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Law360 (January 31, 2025, 4:11 PM EST) -- The alternative dispute resolution service JAMS has expanded its arbitration and mediation team with the addition of an attorney with over three decades of experience spanning complex commercial litigation, independent arbitration and leadership positions at the American Bar Association.

Cynthia H. Cwik will serve as an arbitrator, mediator, neutral evaluator and special master at the JAMS resolution center in San Diego, California, the ADR service announced this week. Cwik, who also currently serves as the vice chair of an ABA task force on artificial intelligence, brings expertise in legal matters involving science and technology as well as healthcare issues.



Cynthia H. Cwik

Cwik's move to JAMS comes after decades of work in private practice, including partner roles at <u>Jones Day</u> and <u>Latham & Watkins LLP</u>.

In a Friday interview with Law360, Cwik reflected on her time as a litigator and the exposure it gave her to ADR proceedings.

"I was able to see how they can be very effective in resolving disputes," Cwik said. "And so at this point in my career, I'm thrilled to have the opportunity now to devote myself full-time to actually serving as a mediator and an arbitrator."

In private practice, Cwik's work spanned business and commercial litigation, healthcare and life sciences matters, class actions, mass torts and product liability cases. She started as an associate at Latham & Watkins in 1988 after earning her Juris Doctor from Yale Law School, and she stayed with the firm until she moved her practice to Jones Day in 2010. Cwik left Jones Day in 2018.

Cwik has spent the last few years working as an arbitrator and mediator in proceedings domestically and internationally. She is currently a fellow at the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, and has served as a mediator for the San Diego Superior Court.

Cwik highlighted her focus on science, technology and healthcare issues throughout her career.

"I've spent a lot of my career working with expert witnesses, including physicians and scientists, and I very much have enjoyed the challenge of taking these complex concepts and finding ways to be able to explain them to the trier of fact, whether it be the judge or the jury," Cwik said.

In recent years, she has developed a particular interest in legal questions surrounding AI. In 2015, she served as the chair of ABA's section on science and technology law, and last year ABA published a book co-edited by Cwik providing advice to the legal profession on AI.

The profession, Cwik noted, is sure to see AI take an increasingly prominent role in legal disputes.

In a statement on Cwik's arrival, JAMS President Kimberly Taylor highlighted Cwik's "attention to detail" and "extensive track record."

"Ms. Cwik has an extensive background with high-stakes commercial cases and a deep knowledge of science and cutting-edge technologies that will allow her to resolve complex legal disputes in her new role at JAMS," the statement said.

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