

**DRAFT NOTES – February 14, 2023 – 11:00 a.m.**  
**Bi-Monthly Meeting – CCA Associates Program**

Meeting Called to Order. The following persons were in attendance:

Joanne Barak  
Gene Commander  
Scott Evans  
Angela Foster  
Jiyun Lee  
Lisa D. Love  
Harrie Samaras  
Shira Scheindlin  
Katherine Simpson  
Yarko Sochynsky  
Gilbert K. Squires

**1. Upcoming Meetings**

- a. April 11, 2023 @ 11:00 am – 12:30 pm Eastern / 8:00 am -9:30 am Pacific
- b. June 20, 2023 @ 11:00 am – 12:30 pm Eastern / 8:00 am -9:30 am Pacific

**2. Thanks to Associates for assisting with the CCA Diversity Committee Seminar to be held April 26, 2023**

**3. Presentation to CCA Associates by Several Distinguished CCA Fellows, including their journeys and advice**

- a. Katherine Simpson – discussed start as an international tribunal secretary and her transition to international arbitrator. Discussed:
  - i. Tribunal secretary in many respects similar to shadow arbitrator
  - ii. Serving as Tribunal secretary may open doors to other areas of international arbitration, including member of arbitral tribunal panel
  - iii. Branding in areas of interest by writing and speaking about things that are important, e.g. racial and gender diversity
  - iv. Now youngest member of CCA
- b. Angela Foster – discussed science background including Ph.D. and IP, technology and bio-tech niches. Discussed:
  - i. developing topic niches, which can be intentional or accidental
  - ii. maintaining an ongoing current diary of every case, including unique subject matter and legal issues
  - iii. being fluid in area which is constantly changing and constantly rebranding

- iv. branding by writing, presenting and speaking in areas of interest
- c. Gilbert K. Squires – discussed global engineering experience, living in ten countries and speaking 10 languages as basis for international arbitration practice. Discussed:
  - i. anchor skills – something you can do in your sleep
  - ii. adding threshold skills to anchor skills to build on arbitration practice
  - iii. building mediation practice by becoming a certified mediator
  - iv. developing brand by being president of 108,000 member Miami Bar Association and special magistrate for City of North Miami Beach;
  - v. has been intentional not to write but does speak
- d. Yarko Sochynsky – discussed transition to arbitration as result of casual carpooling and meeting Chuck Cooper of AAA. Discussed:
  - i. Branding by publishing an ADR Practice Guide
  - ii. Branding by how you conduct yourself professionally and personally

#### **4. Other Words of Wisdom**

- a. Gene Commander – built on love of architecture and E & O insurance practice focused on architects and engineers to develop mediation and arbitration practice; takes time to develop practice; took advantage of programs, speaking and writing
- b. Shira Scheindlin – background as a generalist with 27 years on federal bench; not an expert in anything but has seen it all with good ears to listen and, in mediation, provide sense of how jury or judge would hear the case; has well known body of work with over 2,000 published opinions
- c. Joanne Barak – arbitrators and mediators exist in a parallel universe; get involved in committee work; even though it may not seem valuable, it is very valuable; although person may not have worked with you on an arbitration, the person will still be able to speak to their work with you on committees