



**WILLIAM G. PRIMPS, ESQ.**

*Insurance, Reinsurance, Energy, Antitrust*

William Primps is a highly experienced litigator, arbitrator and mediator who has enjoyed a long and distinguished legal career focusing on insurance, reinsurance, energy and antitrust matters. He has been an advocate for corporate clients in high-valued arbitrations and mediations where he has represented international insurance and reinsurance companies, financial institutions and Fortune 500 companies, as well as sports leagues and teams.

Since 2010, Mr. Primps has served as counsel to the North American CRO (Chief Risk Officers) Council, a trade association with a membership including virtually all of the largest property/casualty and life insurers in North America. In 2022, Mr. Primps was appointed by Order of Presiding Justice Acosta, to serve as Special Master on the Appellate Division, First Department's Pre-argument Conference Program. He has also served as Counsel to the Special Master appointed by the Chief Judge of the Second Circuit to redraw New York State's Congressional boundaries. He managed to bring all the congresspeople to a consensus that reduced the Congressional delegation from 31-29.

In 2021, Mr. Primps was appointed to the New York 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Roster of Commercial Mediators for Westchester, Putnam, Orange, and Rockland Counties.

**Reinsurance:** Mr. Primps has represented ceding companies, reinsurers and their advisors in major litigations, arbitrations, and mediations. These representations have included both plaintiffs/claimants and defendants/respondents, as well as accountants, actuaries and consultants. He has litigated in various federal and state courts involving the rehabilitation and liquidation of a major Kentucky reinsurer. He also represented a Finnish reinsurer in claims against a large domestic ceding company generating multi-million-dollar recoveries. Mr. Primps was lead litigation counsel for a Tokyo-based insurer in post 9/11 litigation in various courts and ADR tribunals throughout the United States winning seven and eight-figure recoveries on behalf of his clients.

**Insurance:** He has been involved in large representations with U.S. offshore, Japanese and European insurers in state and federal courts, as well as arbitrations and mediations, representing both property/casualty and life companies as well as brokers and advisory firms. Many of his cases have included claims of fraud, actuarial and accounting malpractice and mismanagement. In 2021, he also served on a three-person panel in an insurance arbitration.

**Energy:** Significant cases Mr. Primps has handled include large federal court disputes relating to the impact of Nuclear Regulatory Commission rules on construction of nuclear plants in New York; he has represented Canada's largest state-owned utility company in an international arbitration, determining whether design and construction defects allowed rescission of a multi-year, multi-billion-dollar contract; and he represented an architect-engineer in an international construction arbitration concerning a clean coal generating facility in Pennsylvania. This arbitration included a mediation in which a \$41 million settlement was arranged among the parties' various insurers.

He also serves as a Justice in the Bronxville Village Court and has mediated a variety of other types of cases including landlord-tenant disputes, business dissolution and personal injury matters.

Mr. Primps is available to arbitrate and mediate cases throughout the United States.

## AREAS of EXPERIENCE

- Insurance / Reinsurance
- Energy
- Antitrust
- Sports
- Commercial Litigation
- International Bankruptcy
- Personal Injury

## ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION TRAINING

- *Arbitration Fundamentals and Best Practices for New Arbitrations*, AAA, 2021
- *Arbitration Awards; Safeguarding, Deciding and Writing Awards*, AAA, 2021
- Stalder Mediation, 24-hour Basic Mediation Training
- New York State Bar Association, Advanced Commercial Mediation Training

## LECTURES and PUBLICATIONS

- Co-presenter, *Bypassing the Backlog: Fast-Tracking with Arbitration and Mediation*, webinar presented to New York State Academy of Trial Lawyers, 2022
- Moderator, *Return of Ill-gotten Gains via International Arbitration*, NYS Bar Association International Section Panel, Tokyo, 2019
- Speaker, *International Arbitration*, Fordham Law School, International Law and Justice Seminar, 2019
- Speaker, *CTE Legal and Insurance Issues*, presented to the Meeting of National Conference of Insurance Commissioners, 2019
- Speaker, *CTE Insurance Issues* presented to the Annual Meeting of Casualty Actuarial Society, Las Vegas, 2018
- Author, *New Kid on the Block for Massachusetts Insurers*, ORSA, 2017
- Quoted in *For NFL and All of Football, A New threat: An Evaporating Insurance Market*, S. Fainaru, 2017
- Speaker, *Anti-Terrorism Act in Bank Lawsuits*, ABA Business Law Section meeting, 2016
- Speaker, *Civil Anti-Terrorism Bank Lawsuits*, ABA Business Law Section meeting, 2015
- Speaker, *Doing Business in China, Litigation Challenges*, Yale School of Management, 2015
- Author, *Misguided Bank Lawsuits Deepen Remittance Crisis*, American Banker, 2015
- Speaker, *Problem Deals* presented to the Association of the Bar of the City of New York
- Speaker, *International Arbitration* presented to the Harvard Law School Panel
- Speaker, *Energy Investments in Russia* presented to the Harvard Law School Panel

## HONORS and AWARDS

- Super Lawyers, Top Rated Antitrust Litigation Attorney in New York, 2013 – Present

## **LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

- Special Master, Appellate Division, First Department's Pre-argument Conference Program
- Of Counsel, Cullen and Dykman LLP, 2020 – Present
- Of Counsel, Locke Lord LLP, 2016 – 2019
- Partner, Dorsey & Whitney LLP, 2012 – 2016
- Partner, Dewey & LeBoeuf, 2007 – 2012
- Partner, LeBoeuf Lamb Greene & MacRae, 1983 – 2007
- Counsel to the Special Master appointed by the Chief Judge of the Second Circuit to redraw New York State's Congressional boundaries, 2002
- Associate, LeBoeuf Lamb Leiby & MacRae, 1974 – 1982

## **PROFESSIONAL LICENSES and ADMISSIONS**

- Admitted to the New York Bar, 1975
- Southern and Eastern District of New York
- United States Supreme Court
- United States District Court
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS and ASSOCIATIONS**

- Appointed to the New York 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Roster of Commercial Mediators for Westchester, Putnam, Orange and Rockland Counties, 2021
- Member, New York State Bar Association
- Member, Association of the Bar of the City of New York
- Member, American Bar Association
- Member Board of Directors, Atlantic Legal Foundation Advisory Council
- Village Justice, Justice Court of Bronxville, 2018 – Present
- Village of Bronxville
  - Deputy Mayor, 1996 – 1998
  - Trustee, 1991 – 1998
- Chairman, Bronxville Zoning Board of Appeals, 1989 – 1991
- Counsel, Bronxville Board of Ethics, 2004 – 2018
- Vice President, Bronxville School Foundation, 2002 – 2005
- President, Ivy Football Association

## **EDUCATION**

- Harvard University, J.D., 1974
- Yale University, B.A., *cum laude*, 1971