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Education: J.D., Boston University School of Law (*cum laude*), 1978;
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Practice areas: Business Litigation, Insurance and Reinsurance,
Intellectual Property Litigation (Co-Chair), Alternative Dispute
Resolution

Natasha Lisman has more than 30 years of experience representing clients in federal and state trial and appellate courts, mediations, and domestic and international arbitrations arising out of disputes involving commercial transactions, insurance and reinsurance, and intellectual property. She also frequently serves as an arbitrator and mediator, either on an *ad hoc* basis or as a member of the panels of neutrals of the American Arbitration Association, the International Dispute Resolution Centre, and World Intellectual Property Organization.

Examples of Natasha's most recent and ongoing matters:

- Representing reinsurers in cedents' liquidation proceedings in New York and New Hampshire state courts and related federal court litigation
- Representing a Russian assignor of patent rights in a dispute with the U.S. assignee over royalties
- Advising a Russian manufacturer concerning strategy to protect its intellectual property rights in the United States
- Serving as a sole arbitrator in an international commercial arbitration requiring bilingual proceedings in English and Russian
- Serving as a party-appointed arbitrator in a reinsurance arbitration
- Chairing the panels in three arbitrations of commercial and directors-and-officers liability insurance coverage disputes (including lead responsibility for the preparation of reasoned awards)
- Serving as sole arbitrator in an international commercial arbitration arising out of a distribution and trademark licensing agreement (including authoring an extensive reasoned award)
- Rendering reasoned decisions in numerous World Intellectual Property Organization UDRP cases (posted on WIPO website)
- Serving as a mediator in an insurance coverage dispute

Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America* (Arbitration, Commercial Litigation, Insurance Law, International Arbitration - Commercial, Litigation - Intellectual Property), 2007-2012
- *Massachusetts Super Lawyers* (Business Litigation), *Boston* magazine, 2005-2011; Top 50 Female Lawyers in Massachusetts, 2005, 2008-2011; Top 50 Female Lawyers in New England, 2010-2011
- Rated AV® Preeminent™ by Martindale-Hubbell



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BARSHAK & COHEN, P.C.

Recent Articles and Panel Presentations

- “Arbitration Wars in Insurance Insolvency,” *ARLAS U.S. Quarterly*, Vol. 18, No. 4 (2011)
- Speaker, “An American in Strasbourg: Practice Before the European Court of Human Rights,” a Boston Bar Association presentation, March 2, 2011
- Panelist, “Mock Arbitration Panel Deliberations and Decision,” Massachusetts Reinsurance Bar Association Annual Symposium, October 1, 2009
- “Honoring the Honorable Engagement Clause in Judicial Review of Arbitral Awards: Should the Honorable Engagement Clause Preclude Any Scrutiny for Manifest Disregard of the Law,” *ARLAS U.S. Quarterly*, Vol. 14, No. 3 (2007)
- Panelist, “Arbitration Practice and Update 2007,” a Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education seminar, October 9, 2007
- Co-chair, “Commercial Arbitration: Why and How,” a Boston Bar Association seminar, October 6, 2005
- Chair, “Reinsurance Arbitration Soup to Nuts,” a Boston Bar Association seminar, May 25, 2005

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Boston Bar Association (Co-Chair, International Law Section; former Co-Chair, International Dispute Resolution Committee; former member, BBA governing board; former Co-Chair, Litigation Section; former Chair, Appellate Litigation Committee)
- AIDA Reinsurance and Insurance Arbitration Society (member, International Committee)
- Russian-American Chamber of Commerce
- Massachusetts Reinsurance Bar Association (Founding Member)
- International Senior Lawyers Project (Executive Committee, 2010-; Board of Directors, 2001-)

Admissions

- Massachusetts
- U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit

Raised in the former Soviet Union and Poland until the age of seventeen, Natasha immigrated to the United States in 1962. She received her Bachelor’s degree *cum laude* from Brandeis University and pursued graduate studies in political science at MIT, where she won fellowships from the Ford and Woodrow Wilson Foundations and the American Association of University Women. After deciding to enter the law, she received her J.D. degree *cum laude* from Boston University School of Law in 1978.