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## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: MANSI KAROL '17 AT THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION

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### Mansi Karol '17 at the American Arbitration Association



Mansi Karol is a recent graduate of the LL.M. in Dispute Resolution and Advocacy at Cardozo Law School. She directs ADR Services for the Commercial Division at the American Arbitration Association (AAA) where she oversees the administration of the large, commercial complex caseload, user outreach, and panel of commercial neutrals in New York.

Prior to attending Cardozo, Mansi worked in India and the United Kingdom. She developed a specific interest in ADR in law school. As an active member of the legal aid clinic in her law school, she was involved in educating the rural population about their legal rights and the ADR methods available to resolve family, public, land and civil disputes. This interest led her to study a module on international commercial and comparative arbitration towards a LL.M. at Queen Mary University of London. Mansi also successfully passed an exam where she drafted an arbitration award focused on a commercial topic under UNCITRAL model law and rules, which helped her gain membership to the CI Arb (Chartered Institute of Arbitrators). While Mansi was working with a law firm in London, she helped European clients adopt ADR mechanisms for governing their business partnerships as well as represented Indian clients in domestic commercial arbitrations to settle multiple disputes through ADR. In India, as a sole practitioner Mansi continued to help clients resolve their disputes through arbitration, mediation and other methods of ADR.

Upon moving to New York, Mansi engaged with the local ADR community via continuing legal education seminars as well as networking events, and volunteered to facilitate the Judith Kaye Arbitration Competition organized by the AAA, New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) and New York International Arbitration Center (NYIAC). Mansi enrolled at Cardozo for her LL.M. in Dispute Resolution, and was awarded with a dispute resolution scholarship.

Mansi believes the LL.M. offered the right combination of ADR modules for a foreign-qualified attorney and it was an excellent opportunity to learn from a world renowned faculty. The Mediation Clinic was a terrific experience through which she gained hands on experience within Manhattan and Brooklyn Small Claim Courts and community mediation centers. The leadership and mentorship of Professor Lela Love was invaluable to her. Through her fellowship at the Kukin Program at Cardozo, she was supported to get her current position at the AAA.

Mansi's advice for LL.M. students is to build relationships through the school – with faculty, fellow students and alumni. Don't hesitate to join clinics and explore externships, they are a great platform to gain experiential experience in the US for foreign trained lawyers. In addition, taking part in various domestic and international moot competitions is also helpful to gain practical experience in the field. Finally, take advantage of the networking events and activities offered at Cardozo and the New York State Bar Association. This will help you build a valuable professional network and find job opportunities.

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