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Prior to joining AAR, Kirmayer practiced with an AmLaw 100 law firm for twenty-five years. Her practice focused on complex business litigation and arbitration, with specific expertise in antitrust, contract and business torts. During her tenure, she also served as chair of the firm's litigation group and as vice-chair of the firm's Finance Committee.

Education

Ms. Kirmayer received a Juris Doctor, magna cum laude, from Washington & Lee University School of Law, where she was an editor on the Law Review and elected to the Order of the Coif. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Williams College. She is an active member of the D.C. Bar.

Personal

Ms. Kirmayer was a four-year All American swimmer and currently lives in Maryland with her husband and two children.