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Jill Hamill Sopha is an Attorney-Mediator in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Jill's mediation practice focuses on primarily workplace and employment mediations. As a mediator, Jill combines her legal experience with her passion to help employers and employees find resolutions to disputes and litigation through mediation.

Jill has been an employment attorney for more than 20 years, and has crafted resolutions to hundreds of employment disputes ranging from informal complaints to administrative charges and state and federal litigation, and covering a broad array of employment and employment-related areas.

In addition to her mediation practice, Jill is an Adjunct Professor at Marquette Law School, where she teaches law students how to effectively advocate for their clients in a "Mediation Advocacy" workshop. Jill also an Adjunct Professor at the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee's School of Continuing Education where she teaches Human Resources professionals how to conduct fair investigations and the basics of employment law compliance.

Jill is a frequent speaker on topics involving mediation and employment law, with a particular focus on avoiding and resolving workplace conflicts and litigation.

Prior to opening Sopha Mediation LLC, Jill spent 15 years at Fortune 500 Company Harley-Davidson, Inc. where she held the role of Chief Counsel, Human Resources. Prior to her work at Harley-Davidson, Jill was an employment attorney at the law firms Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren S.C. in Madison, WI, and Neal, Gerber & Eisenberg LLP and Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP in Chicago, IL.

Jill is also a member of the following professional organizations, and is currently Chair for the Labor and Employment Section of the Wisconsin State Bar Association:

- American Arbitration Association (AAA) Employment Mediation Panel
- Association of Attorney Mediators (AAM)
- American Bar Association (ABA) (Labor and Employment Law Section, Dispute Resolution Section)
- Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association (EDWBA)
- Association for Women Lawyers (AWL)
- Wisconsin Association of Mediators (WAM)
- Labor and Employment Relations Association (LERA)
- Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM)

Jill has completed over 250 hours of mediation training, including 40-hour programs at the nationally renowned Strauss Institute for Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine's University School of Law and at Chicago's Center for Conflict Resolution (CCR).

For disputes covered by the American Arbitration Association (AAA), Jill is on the panel of AAA-approved employment mediators. Jill is also a member of the nationally recognized Association of Attorney Mediators (AAM).

In addition to her employment mediation work, in 2017, Jill was invited to be a mediator for Wisconsin's Special Education Mediation System (WSEMS), where she helps parents and schools work together to resolve disputes about special education.

Jill has a Bachelor of Business Administration degree, with distinction, from the University of Wisconsin – Madison Business School (1993), and obtained her Juris Doctorate degree, *cum laude*, from the University of Wisconsin Law School (1996).