

Civil Collaborative Law Symposium: Bringing Healing to Law and Medicine in Adverse Medical Events

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Symposium Chair:
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This symposium aims to create an environment for interested professionals to come together to share ideas, rethink processes and practices, and enhance learning regarding collaborative practices, focusing on health care/adverse medical events; collaboration across professions; and exploration of other arenas and successes in the use of collaborative law practices.

8:30 am

Opening Plenary:

Sandy Coletta, James Woods, and Mark Decof are proof of the transformative power of collaborative dialogue, disclosure, sincere apology, and compensation after medical error. Mr. Woods and Ms. Coletta agreed to settle a medical malpractice suit brought after Mr. Woods' younger 49-year old brother died at Kent Hospital. Ms. Coletta reached out to James Woods and Mark Decof, asking to meet face to face with Mr. Woods over dinner after previous efforts to settle had failed. With Mr. Woods' and his family's support, the hospital has committed to create The Michael J. Woods Institute at Kent Hospital to focus on redesigning healthcare systems using a human centered approach to improve clinical outcomes. The moving video news clip features Ms. Coletta and Mr. Woods in their own words: <http://tinyurl.com/woodslawsuit>.



Coletta



Woods



Decof

Panelists:

- **Sandra Coletta**, MBA, CEO, Kent Hospital, Warwick, Rhode Island
- **Mark Decof**, Woods Family Attorney, Decof & Decof, Providence, Rhode Island
- **Actor James Woods**

10:00 am

Collaborative Law/Practices in Adverse Medical Event Situations

Panelists:

- **Mark Graber**, MD, Chief of Medicine, VA Medical Center, Northpoint, NY
- **June Riley**, Executive Director of Physicians Reimbursement Fund, San Francisco, CA
- **Kathleen Clark**, Attorney, Founder/ CEO, Servant Lawyering, Pleasant Hill, CA
- **Ila Rothschild**, Special Counsel to the Joint Commission, Chicago, IL

Program Sponsors

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- Collaborative Workforce Associates

11:30am

Civil Collaborative Law and its Successes in Other Arenas: Probate and Estates, Business Disputes (including family-owned businesses), and Employment Disputes

Panelists

- **William M. Andrews**, Attorney, Santa Rosa, CA
- **Jeanne Fahey**, Attorney, Collaborative Workforce Associates, Oakland, CA
- **Michael Zeytoonian**, Partner, Hutchings, Barsamian, Cross, Mandlecorn & Zeytoonian, LLP, Wellesley, MA (invited)

12:30 pm

Keynote Luncheon

Kathy Bryan, JD, President & CEO, International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution (CPR Institute), New York, NY, and author of *Why Should Businesses Hire Settlement Counsel?* (borrowing collaborative law techniques to settle cases).



Bryan

2:00 pm

Hypothetical Case and Small Group Breakouts:

Following a demonstration, participants will work in small groups to resolve a hypothetical case with an adverse medical event factual situation. The group facilitators will coach on use of collaborative law to reach resolution.

Facilitators:

- **Sherrie R. Abney**, Law Offices of Sherrie R. Abney, Carrollton, TX
- **Kathleen Clark**, Servant Lawyering, Pleasant Hill, CA
- **Larry Maxwell**, Mediator, Arbitrator and Collaborative Law Practitioner, Dallas, TX
- **Ruth L. Rickard**, Law Office of Ruth L. Rickard, Dallas, TX
- **Claire G. Spector**, Attorney, Collaborative Practice Center, Santa Rosa, CA

Registration

Registration: \$125 for attendees of the ABA Dispute Resolution Section Spring Conference; \$195 all others. Registration includes program materials, light breakfast, and the luncheon.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!! THE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE HYATT REGENCY SAN FRANCISCO AT THE EMBARCADERO. PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE LOCATION BECAUSE THERE IS MORE THAN ONE HYATT IN SAN FRANCISCO!



Housing and Travel Information

Hotel

Hyatt Regency San Francisco – Embarcadero
5 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco, CA 94111
1-888-421-1442
The conference room rate is \$229.
Check-in: 3:00 p.m. Check-out: Noon

To make reservations at the Hyatt Regency San Francisco – Embarcadero, attendees may call 1-888-421-1442 and refer to the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution 2010 Annual ADR Conference or use the following website: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/ABA1>.

The cut-off for the special ABA rate is **Tuesday, March 16, 2010**.

Hyatt Cancellation Policy: Individuals with guaranteed reservations must cancel their reservations 24 hours prior to the scheduled day of arrival to avoid a one-night cancellation charge.

Travel

United Airlines:
Contact United at 800-521-4041 and refer to discount code 578IG
American Airlines:
Contact AA at 800-433-1790 and refer to discount code A1210SS

Car Rentals

Hertz discount for ABA Members: 800-654-2230 and mention the ABA/Hertz reference number CDP13000. You must show your ABA member ID card at the rental counter.

Registration

Register early and save!! The Early-Bird Discount expires on March 8, 2010.

For fastest confirmation service please register online at www.abanet.org/dispute.

Please include a valid email address on your registration form. Conference updates and special announcements will be sent to registrants via email.

Cancellations must be received in writing by March 26, 2010 to receive a refund less a \$50 processing fee. Substitutions are accepted.

Questions? If you have questions about registration please call 202-662-1680.



Tuition Scholarships

A limited number of financial need-based scholarships are available. The scholarship application may be found on the conference website www.abanet.org/dispute/conference/2010/home.html. The deadline for scholarship applications is March 8, 2010.

Exhibit and Advertising Opportunities

Market your books, products, and services to over 1,000 dispute resolution professionals at the Spring Conference. A limited number of exhibit display tables are available. For exhibit and advertising information contact RaShonda Rosier at 202-662-1689 or rosierr@staff.abanet.org.

Registration Form

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Conference Registration Fees

Registration includes 9 sessions, two plenary sessions, the Welcome Reception, and daily continental breakfast and coffee breaks.

	Early Bird Before 3/8/10	Regular Rate 3/9/10 thru 4/1/10	Thursday Only	Friday Only	Your Choice
ABA-DR Section Member or Cooperating Entity Member Registration	\$460	\$560	\$305	\$305	\$
Non Member Registration	\$560	\$660	\$395	\$395	\$
ABA Members <i>Includes \$45 to join the DR Section – for current ABA members only.</i>	\$505	\$605	\$345	\$345	\$
Gov't Employees/Judges	\$395	\$495	\$275	\$275	\$
Conference Faculty	\$295	\$295	\$150	\$150	\$
International Attendee <i>(permanent residence outside U.S.A.)</i>	\$295	\$295			\$
First Time Attendee	\$395	\$395			\$
Full-Time Law or Graduate Student <i>Attach a copy of current student ID; also required at registration</i>	\$150	\$200			\$

Ticketed Event and Special Session Registration

Check here if you will attend the Thursday Welcome Reception at Teatro ZinZanni ____ (included in registration)

Which Friday morning plenary will you attend: Arbitration ____ Mediation ____

Gala Awards Dinner , Friday, April 9, 2010	\$95	
Annual Symposium on Court ADR , Wednesday, April 7, 2010	\$80	\$
Civil Collaborative Law Symposium , Wednesday, April 7, 2010		
Spring Conference Attendee	\$125	\$
Collaborative Law Symposium Only	\$195	\$
Legal Educators' Colloquium Sessions are included in Regular Registration Fee		\$
Colloquium/Saturday Only (includes lunch)	\$195 Early	\$225 Regular
Colloquium/Saturday Only Students (includes lunch)	\$60	\$60
Colloquium Luncheon	\$65/per person	

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