Welcome to the Women in Dispute Resolution (WIDR) Committee’s seventh edition of *Just Resolutions*.

With membership over 300 strong, WIDR is a committee of professionals within the Dispute Resolution Section committed to ensuring the full scope of opportunities are available to women in the dispute resolution field. We provide business resources and a supportive community to advance ourselves and each other.

WIDR’s goals and objectives include:

- to continually assess the status of women in Dispute Resolution professions and academia
- to identify the barriers that prevent women from full participation in Dispute Resolution professions
- to determine whether women are considered for—*and appointed to*—all types, sizes, and complexities of cases
- to develop positive and proactive initiatives
- to increase women’s participation in the Dispute Resolution professions
- to interact with women’s networking groups in the bar associations, trade organizations, and other related groups of professionals, including distribution of the WIDR Directory
- to mentor women and other underrepresented Dispute Resolution professionals

Thanks largely to the energy and vision of WIDR and the DR Section, this past August, the ABA passed Resolution 105, which urges providers of legal services, such as law firms and corporations, as well as clients, to create and expand opportunities for diverse attorneys, including women. As Conna describes more fully in her article in this edition of *Just Resolutions*, WIDR and the DR Section are actively working to implement Resolution 105 and eliminate the bias against women and diverse neutrals. WIDR members are encouraged to get involved in the dissemination of Resolution 105.

Among other activities, WIDR presents free monthly webinars on the first Friday of each month (at noon Eastern), featuring presentations of interest to women lawyers and dispute resolution professionals. We encourage all Section members interested in WIDR’s mission and activities to join our committee, and we look forward to the active participation of our current WIDR members in our networking, outreach projects and other initiatives. We thrive on the diversity of our membership to contribute to the conversation. Please join us!

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