DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS & LEARN FROM EXPERTS

The conference agenda will include excellent programming on mediation, arbitration, negotiation, and specialty practice areas. Whether you are new to dispute resolution practice or have been practicing for decades, the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution Spring Conference has something for you.

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Highlights

Wednesday
April 22
The conference will begin on Wednesday with the Symposium on ADR in the Courts, opening rounds of the ABA Representation in Mediation Competition, Section Leadership Meetings, and special events.

Thursday & Friday
April 23 & 24
Plenary programs, showcase events, and approximately 50 concurrent educational programs are scheduled for Thursday and Friday. There will be a conference reception on Thursday evening and an Awards breakfast on Friday morning.

Saturday
April 25
The conference will conclude on Saturday with the Legal Educators’ Colloquium programs and the Legal Educators’ Luncheon where the award for outstanding scholarly work will be presented to the 2020 recipient.

Events

- Wednesday Reception for the Symposium on ADR in the Courts
- Exhibit Hall open on Thursday and Friday
- Thursday Conference Reception
- Friday Awards Breakfast
- Saturday Legal Educators’ Colloquium Luncheon
- ABA Section of Dispute Resolution Committee Meetings and Events

Detailed Agenda

A detailed agenda at a glance is available on the conference web site: ambar.org/Spring2020.
Educational Programming

SYMPOSIUM ON ADR IN THE COURTS

WEDNESDAY
APRIL 22

This annual symposium is planned by court professionals for those who work in and support court dispute resolution programs. These programs will be inclusive, interactive, and informative. There will be informal networking and gathering opportunities throughout the day so that attendees can learn from each other.

CONCURRENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

THURSDAY & FRIDAY
APRIL 23 & 24

On Thursday and Friday, there will be more than 50 concurrent educational programs, including both CLE and non-CLE programs. Expert presenters will cover an extensive range of topics, including arbitration, mediation, negotiation, ombuds, online dispute resolution, technology, marketing, and practice development. The concurrent programs will cover every imaginable practice area.

LEGAL EDUCATORS’ COLLOQUIUM

FRIDAY & SATURDAY
APRIL 24 & 25

The Legal Educators’ Colloquium programs address the challenges that all legal educators and dispute resolution trainers face. Speakers will provide advice and insight on how educators can shape their lessons to better serve their students and trainees. These programs are geared toward full-time academics, adjuncts, and all dispute resolution educators. The programming begins on Friday afternoon with the Legal Educators’ Resource share.

For additional information about the educational programming, view the online conference brochure at ambar.org/Spring2020.
Registration

Visit ambar.org/Spring2020 for registration information.

Hotel & Travel

The ABA has reserved a block of rooms at the conference hotel, the Sheraton New Orleans.

The room rate is $239/night. The special rate is only applicable to rooms reserved from April 21 through April 25, 2020. The deadline for reserving is March 30, 2020 at 5pm CST. Booking within the conference room block will allow you to cancel your reservation up to 72 hours before your stay, access free wifi in you room (there is normally a charge), check-in no later than 4 pm, and check out at 12 pm (normally 11 am).

To reserve, call the hotel at 504.525.2500 and refer to the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution - 2020 Annual Spring Conference or visit the Conference web site and look for Hotel and Travel information to access the online hotel reservation link.

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