2018 ABA Section of Dispute Resolution

SPRING CONFERENCE
WASHINGTON, DC

APRIL 4-7, 2018
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80+ Educational Programs
(includes CLE and non-CLE programs)

Multiple Networking Opportunities

Symposium on ADR in the Courts on April 4th

Legal Educators Colloquium on April 7th

DISPUTE RESOLUTION IN COMPLEX TIMES

Develop your skills and learn from leading experts in the field. The conference agenda includes excellent programming on mediation, arbitration, negotiation, and specialty practice areas all geared toward making you a better Dispute Resolution professional.

Whether you are new to dispute resolution practice or have been practicing for decades, the 2018 ABA Section of Dispute Resolution Spring Conference has something for you.

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Important Dates

February 14, 2018
Early Bird Registration Deadline

March 12, 2018 at 5:00pm ET
Hotel Reservation Deadline

Space is limited. Register Today!

Find us on the web: ambar.org/spring2018
In this 20th anniversary year of the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution’s Spring Conference, we are particularly cognizant that the conference will be held on the 50th anniversary of another complex time in America: the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. With all the differences and disputes we experience in our daily lives and the media, the role of those who step forward as dispute resolution professional has never been more vital to the United States and the world. This will be an occasion to take stock of our role in finding ways to resolve what may seem to be intractable problems confronting individuals, institutions, society and the world. The conference presenters, dispute resolution professionals across different fields, will highlight how we continue together to help humanity progress. I believe that it is what we do together as dispute resolution professionals that will make the difference for all.

Benjamin G. Davis
Chair, ABA Section of Dispute Resolution
REGISTRATION

EARLY BIRD RATE
Register on or before February 14, 2018.

REGISTRATION ONLINE
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REGISTRATION ASSISTANCE
202-662-1680

CANCELLATIONS
All registration and ticketed events cancellation requests must be made in writing by email to Ashley.Jackson@americanbar.org. Cancellations received before Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 5 pm ET will receive a refund less a $50 processing fee. After this deadline, no refunds will be granted, but registration substitutes will be allowed.

IS THERE ANYTHING TO DO IN WASHINGTON, DC?
The ABA Section of Dispute Resolution staff are based in DC; they have many ideas for how you should spend any free time in DC:

- Take a quick walk north on Connecticut Avenue to the National Zoo. Admission is free. You can stroll the leafy grounds for a few minutes or all day.
- Walk a few blocks to the Phillips collection, and view the permanent collection of modern art as well as a special exhibit on the influence of Swiss-born artist Paul Klee.
- The hotel is surrounded by great DC neighborhoods; explore the great restaurants, shops, and bars in Dupont Circle, Adams Morgan, and Woodley Park.
- Take a metro ride to the National Mall, visit the Smithsonian Museums, the memorials, take a tour of the Capitol and the Supreme Court.
- If you have a full day, consider taking a boat ride down the Potomac to Mount Vernon.

REGISTRATION RATES

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EXTRA TICKETED PURCHASES
Add to cart during checkout.

Spouse / Guest
Provides spouse access to breakfasts, Thursday Reception, and a name badge.

Legal Educators Colloquium Luncheon
$50
AT THE CONFERENCE

At the conference every attendee will receive a printed program book with the conference agenda and program descriptions. Attendees will also be invited to access the Conference App, a very user-friendly application that allows attendees to create their own schedule, connect with other attendees, access program materials and information about conference presenters. The app works on smartphones and is web-browser friendly.

The conference exhibit hall will be open on Thursday and Friday during the conference; the exhibit hall offers attendees the opportunity to learn about new technologies, practice tools, graduate and law programs, and books of interest to practitioners. Wireless internet will be available in the conference meeting rooms.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4TH**

The conference events on Wednesday include the Symposium on ADR in the Courts for court ADR administrators, judges, neutrals, and researchers. Other Wednesday events include the first and second rounds of the ABA Law School Representation in Mediation Competition Nationals and the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution leadership meetings.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 5TH**

Thursday events include a networking breakfast, opening plenary, concurrent educational programs throughout the day, and committee meeting opportunities. The semi-final and final rounds of the Representation in Mediation Competition will be held on Thursday. The Exhibit Hall will be open all day. The day will conclude with a networking reception in the Exhibit Hall and Dine-Arounds for conference attendees wishing to join evening events outside of the hotel.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 6TH & SATURDAY, APRIL 7TH**

**LEGAL EDUCATORS’ COLLOQUIUM**

The Legal Educators’ Colloquium programs address the challenges that all legal educators and mediation 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 ADR educators. The Colloquium programs begin Friday afternoon with the Legal Educators’ Resource share. Many of the programs on April 5th and 6th are presented by educators and relevant to their work.

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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

During the four days of the Conference there will be more than 80 educational programs. Here is a quick snapshot of the types of educational programs to be presented at the Conference. This is not a complete list of programs. See our Online Conference Program on the conference web site for a complete listing of programs and presenters.

COMPLEX TIMES
These programs specifically address the theme of the conference – Dispute Resolution in Complex Times
■ Implementing cultural competency in mediation practice
■ Is prejudice in ADR still a problem?
■ Practice-based ideas for dispute resolution’s role regarding hate incidents
■ Advancing Social Justice Through ADR

ARBITRATION
Each concurrent session time slot on Thursday and Friday will have at least one program of interest to arbitrators, arbitration advocates, and arbitration junkies. Programs include:
■ An update on recent arbitration case law
■ Arbitration case management, 
■ Ethics in arbitration
■ Arbitor jurisdiction
■ Mandatory pre-dispute arbitration agreements

MEDIATION
These mediation programs will cover it all, from basic skills to advanced concepts and implementation. Mediation topics include:
■ Managing and mediating multi-party cases
■ Overcoming impasses in mediation
■ Mediating construction defect claims
■ The power of mediation – the Detroit bankruptcy
■ How to respond to challenges that emerge during the mediation

NEGOTIATION
Something for the new and the experienced negotiator. Program topics include:
■ Teaching negotiation micro-skills
■ Negotiating in the military
■ Research on behavior in groups and its relevance to negotiation

ADVOCACY
We may be the Section of Dispute Resolution; but our advocacy programs are all about how to make you a better lawyer and advocate. Advocacy programs will discuss:
■ How to win in arbitration
■ Lawyering with emotional intelligence
■ Using realistic measurements of litigation success during settlement talks
■ The in-house counsel perspective on mediation and mediators
■ Rethinking mediation advocacy: practical strategies based upon the behavioral sciences

COMMUNICATION, PSYCHOLOGY, AND NEUROSCIENCE
These creative and challenging programs will focus on various types of communication techniques and behaviors to help your communication and help you assist others.
■ Using conflict stories to create more meaning
■ The neuroscience of implicit bias
■ Pitfalls in ADR communication practices

ETHICS
The programs cover a wide array of ethical issues in ADR including:
■ Is it ethical for a judge to be a mediator?
■ Should the model standards of conduct for mediators be updated?
■ Ethics, technology, and dispute resolution systems design

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**SCHOLARSHIPS**

Scholarships to defray tuition expense for ABA programs are available upon application on a program-by-program, case-by-case basis. Preference will be given to public interest lawyers, government lawyers, full-time law professors, solo or small firm practitioners of limited means, and unemployed attorneys.

For more information and for a link to the scholarship application, visit http://ambar.org/spring2018 and click “Scholarship Information.” Scholarship applications must be received by Friday, January 19, 2018 at 5 pm ET to be considered.

**PRACTICE DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT**

Get resources, direction, and advice on efficient marketing, management, and technology practices.

- How to start and develop a mediation practice
- A branding and resume workshop for neutrals
- A workshop on how to increase referrals

**PRACTICE AREAS**

Whether you are a general practitioner or a specialist, there will be programs to enhance your knowledge base. Practice areas include:

- Commercial
- Criminal
- Elder Law
- Employment & Labor
- Family
- Government & Healthcare
- Intellectual Property
- International
- Juvenile
- Public Policy

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**Build relationships** with key figures in the industry including policy makers and practitioners.

Learn more about sponsorship opportunities on the conference web site (ambar.org/spring2018) or call Brandon Moore-Rhodes, Marketing and Membership Associate, at 202-662-1688.
Most of the educational programs will be accredited for CLE but some programs are not CLE; the Conference Program and Conference App will clearly designate programs as CLE or Not CLE.

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Services for Persons with Disabilities
If special arrangements are required for an individual with a disability to attend this program, please contact the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution staff at 202-662-1680.

Dress Code
Business attire, including business casual, is appropriate for all meetings, educational programs and social events during the conference.

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