



**AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION**

**Section of  
Dispute Resolution**

**2011 MIDYEAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 11-12, 2011  
THE HYATT REGENCY ATLANTA HOTEL  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA**



**R. Wayne Thorpe  
Section Chair**

**John Sherrill  
Program Chair**

**2011 Midyear Meeting  
Section of Dispute Resolution  
The Hyatt Regency Atlanta Hotel  
Atlanta, GA**

**Schedule at a Glance**

<b>FRIDAY – February 11, 2011</b>		
9:00am – 1:30pm	Analytical Mediation Training: Fitting the Process to the Needs of the Client	In person Mediation Training Course
2:00pm – 3:30pm	The Arbitration Clause Says What?	In person and teleconference Eastern Time
3:45pm – 5:15pm	Protocols for Expedious, Cost-Effective Commercial Arbitration from the National Summit on Business-to-Business Arbitration	In person and teleconference Eastern Time
5:30pm – 7:30pm	<b>Section Reception</b> JAMS, One Atlanta Center, 12010 W. Peachtree Street, Suite 2650	
8:00pm – 10:00pm	Council Dinner Seyfarth Shaw LLP 1075 Peachtree Street, Suite 2500	
<b>SATURDAY – February 12, 2011</b>		
7:30am – 8:30am	Executive Committee Meeting	Heritage Boardroom, Atlanta Conference Center
8:00am – 9:00am	Council Breakfast	Centennial Ballroom II, Ballroom Level
9:00am – 2:00pm	<b>Council Meeting</b>	Centennial Ballroom II, Ballroom Level



**Friday, February 11, 2011**

9:00am - 1:30pm Eastern Time (in-person)

**Analytical Mediation Training: Fitting the Process to the Needs of the Client**

The Task Force on Improvement of Mediation Quality reported that mediation users expect mediators to fully engage: to prepare for mediations, to customize the process to fit the particular case, to utilize analytical techniques regarding merits and bargaining issues, and to remain engaged after a session that does not resolve a case. This half-day program will use lectures, Q&A, videos, live demonstrations, and brief role plays to demonstrate how mediators and counsel can use these techniques consistent with high quality techniques. **(Includes Lunch)**

*Speakers:*

**John Bickerman**, Bickerman Dispute Resolution PLLC, Washington, DC  
**R. Wayne Thorpe**, JAMS, Atlanta, GA

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**Friday, February 11, 2011**

2:00pm - 3:30pm Eastern Time (in-person and teleconference)

**The Arbitration Clause Says What?**

Panelists will explore the ability of parties to manage and plan for certain issues through an arbitration agreement. Examples of the questions to be addressed are: can parties contract around arbitration or civil procedure rules, decide who will decide the arbitrability of particular types of claims or set the scope of review that a court will have over challenges to arbitration awards? Knowing the answers to these questions can be critical when drafting the arbitration agreement and for the scope and strategy once the arbitration is underway.

*Panelists:*

**Daniel F. Diffley**, Alston & Bird, Atlanta, GA  
**Jennifer W. Fletcher**, The Sutherland Firm, Atlanta, GA  
**Michael Shanlever**, Alston & Bird, Atlanta, GA  
**William F. Welch**, Merritt & Tenney, Atlanta, GA

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**Friday, February 11, 2011**

3:45pm - 5:15pm Eastern Time (in-person and teleconference)

**Protocols for Expedious, Cost-Effective Commercial Arbitration  
from the National Summit on Business-to-Business Arbitration**

The College of Commercial Arbitrators convened a National Summit on Business-to-Business Arbitration in Washington DC in October of 2009 to address and discuss the recent trend toward lengthy, costly arbitration results as perceived by invitees who were business users, in-house counsel, arbitration service providers, outside counsel and arbitrators. The results of the Summit have been combined into a set of protocols which contain suggestions to improve commercial arbitration, and these protocols will be discussed by four fellows of the College of Commercial Arbitrators.

*Panelists:*

**Ruth V. Glick**, Mediator and Arbitrator, Burlingame, CA  
**John W. Hinchey**, King & Spalding, Atlanta, GA  
**John A. Sherrill**, Seyfarth Shaw LLP, Atlanta, GA  
**Edna Sussman**, SussmanADR LLC, New York, NY

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**Friday, February 11, 2011**

5:30pm - 7:30pm Eastern Time

**Section Reception**

Come meet and network with Section Council Members and other leaders in the Alternative Dispute Resolution field.

*Location:*

**JAMS**, One Atlantic Center, 1201 W. Peachtree Street, Suite 2650



**2011 Midyear Meeting Programs**

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February 7, 2011**

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TELECONFERENCE DIAL-IN INFORMATION WILL BE SENT TO THE EMAIL ADDRESS YOU PROVIDE ON THIS FORM.

Friday, Feb 11, 2011 9:00am – 1:30pm Eastern Time	Analytical Mediation Training: Fitting the Process to the Needs of the Client (Includes Lunch)	\$125 In-person (General) _____ Law Student In Person Free _____
Friday, Feb 11, 2011 2:00pm – 3:30pm Eastern Time	The Arbitration Clause Says What?	\$35 In-person (General) _____ \$35 Teleconference _____ Law Student In Person Free _____
Friday, Feb 11, 2011 3:45pm – 5:15pm Eastern Time	Protocols for Expeditious, Cost-Effective Commercial Arbitration from the National Summit on Business-to-Business Arbitration	\$35 In-person (General) _____ \$35 Teleconference _____ Law Student In Person Free _____
Friday, Feb 11, 2011 9:00am – 1:30pm 2:00pm – 3:30pm Eastern Time	Analytical Mediation Training: Fitting the Process to the Needs of the Client (Includes Lunch) & The Arbitration Clause Says What?	\$150 In-person (General) _____
Friday, Feb 11, 2011 9:00am – 1:30pm 3:45pm – 5:15pm Eastern Time	Analytical Mediation Training: Fitting the Process to the Needs of the Client (Includes Lunch) & Protocols for Expeditious, Cost-Effective Commercial Arbitration	\$150 In-person (General) _____
	All three programs	\$175 In-person (General) _____
5:30pm – 7:30pm	Section Reception	RSVP Yes ___ No ___
	TOTAL DUE	\$ _____

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