



**Teleconference:
Recent ADR Model Acts on Arbitration, Mediation and Collaborative Law: Latest
Progress and Why Does It Matter**

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With arbitration and mediation expanding substantially as preferred methods of dispute resolution, and collaborative law beginning to come into its own, do we need uniform laws throughout the country governing them? What do the Revised Uniform Arbitration Act (RUAA), the Uniform Mediation Act (UMA), and the Uniform Collaborative Law Act (UCLA) bring to the table? Is the uniformity they offer desirable? How widely have they been adopted and what are their prospects for further adoption? What, if anything, do we lose by not having such uniform acts on the books throughout the country? What difference does it make to litigators and their clients and to arbitrators and mediators?

As to arbitration, why aren't the Federal Arbitration Act and the respective state arbitration laws enough, along with the rules of arbitration providers? Do we really need something else?

As to mediation, why can't this area be governed by parties' contractual arrangements and by the rules of mediation providers, along with local law at the place of the mediation? Does the absence of the UMA leave parties, their attorneys, or mediators or the overall process unprotected in any regard?

As to collaborative law, isn't this largely a matter of agreement among the participants in the process? Shouldn't the area develop more before there is a need for a uniform act? What would the UCLA mean to the development of collaborative law in the United States?

Moderators

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Speakers

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