From the ADR in Law Schools Chairs

The Law Schools Committee of the Dispute Resolution Section is focused on organizing opportunities for law school students and faculty in order to advance the theory and practice of ADR in the legal academic field. The law schools committee would like to take this opportunity to outline the range of our activities and events that we coordinate each year. Your co-chairs, Mariana Hernandez-Crespo and Brian Pappas, along with the committee membership, are always interested in collaborating and in hearing any thoughts or suggestions that you might have. If you are interested in working on any of these events or other initiatives, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Below are several of our current initiatives, including information on our two annual upcoming events: The Legal Educators Colloquium and the Representation in Mediation Competition.

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James B. Boskey Law Student Essay Contest

The James Boskey ADR Writing Competition is a project of the ADR in Law Schools Committee. The Boskey Writing Competition is Chaired by Professor Andrea Kupfer Schneider, Director, Dispute Resolution Program Marquette University Law School. In memory of James B. Boskey, the aim of the Boskey writing competition is to create greater interest in the field of dispute resolution among law students, particularly the Law Student Division of the American Bar Association. Submissions may address any aspect of dispute resolution practice, theory or research that the contestant chooses. Essays are limited to 15-25 typewritten pages, including footnotes or endnotes. The text of the essay must be double-spaced, with twelve-point font and one-inch margins.

First prize is $1000 to the Competition winner and posting of the winning essay and runner-up online. The 2013 entry deadline is June 14, 2013 Click HERE.

Technology in the Classroom

By Alyson Carrel

Technology in the classroom offers opportunities to present and engage students with information in a variety of ways. But many instructors in the law school setting have instituted “no laptop” policies to counteract distractions that occur when students, many of them in the millennial generation, succumb to their habitual need to be on-line. This policy has been particularly popular in role play/simulation-based skills courses like negotiation and mediation in order to focus on the communication skills inherent in the subject matter. But when presenting or discussing specific concepts, it may be beneficial to allow or even encourage students to use technology to create more efficient and effective learning experiences. Read more.

Legal Educators Colloquium (LEC)

The Law Schools committee coordinates, in partnership with the American Association of Law Schools (AALS), an all-day program for legal educators at the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution Spring Conference. If you are attending the Spring Conference, the Legal Educators Colloquium is included in the conference registration. If you are only attending the Saturday Colloquium programs there is a one-day registration fee available.

The 2013 LEC will be held on Saturday, April 6th. The program is divided into morning sessions and afternoon shop talks. Please visit the event website for more information.

Words Work Brochure

The Words Work curriculum teaches middle-school aged youth leadership, relationship, and communication skills. If you are interested in implementing the Words Work program at a school or organization in your community, please take a look at a new brochure that explains how the Words Work curriculum can benefit youth.
Civility Task Force

The Section has created a Civility Task Force, chaired by former Section Chair Bruce Meyerson, which is currently working on projects that raise civility nationally and in local communities. The Law Schools Committee is partnering with the Civility Task force to explore opportunities for joint programs. If you would like to become engaged in this effort please contact Matthew.Conger@americanbar.org.

International Mediation Institute Seeks Feedback on Credentialing Process for Mediation Advocates

The International Mediation Institute (IMI) is considering the establishment of a credentialing process for mediation advocates. This would be in addition to the current credentialing process that they have in place for mediators as neutrals. The Dispute Resolution Section neither endorses nor discourages the existing IMI credentialing process, nor has it taken a position on the concept of credentialing mediation advocates. One of the section’s goals is to keep our members apprised of developments in the field. Section members who are interested in commenting may review the materials being considered and comment by January 30, 2013.

Legal Education, ADR, & Problem-Solving (LEAPS) Update

By John Lande

The Legal Education, ADR, and Problem-Solving (LEAPS) project developed an extensive website to help law school faculty integrate what we call “practical problem-solving” (PPS) into their instruction of a wide range of courses, including doctrinal, litigation, transactional, and ADR courses. This work was overseen by an executive committee comprised of the following members:

Deborah T. Eisenberg, University of Maryland
Francis King Carey
School of Law
Jill Gross, Pace Law School
Jim Hilbert, William Mitchell College of Law
John Lande, University of Missouri School of Law
Sean Nolan, Vermont Law School
Jean Sternlight, UNLV Boyd School of Law
J. Kim Wright, Cutting Edge Law

The website provides the following resources:

- Descriptions of various teaching methodologies (Teaching Techniques)
- Suggestions for how to engage colleagues in teaching more PPS in their courses (Engaging Colleagues)
- Possible “talking points” for discussing the incorporation of PPS into doctrinal courses (Overcoming Barriers)
- A survey of how schools integrate practical problem-solving skills in their J.D. curricula (Curriculum Models)
- Lists of consultants who can help on specific courses (Subject Area Resources)
- Examples of course exercises, approaches to introducing PPS in doctrinal courses and other teaching materials (Subject Area Resources – right hand column)
- Links to relevant resources on other websites (Useful Links)

Ethical Dilemma – Mandatory, Court-Connected Mediation Program

By Jacqueline Nolan-Haley

Every other month the Section's Ethics Committee presents an Ethical Dilemma. We have brought back the November dilemma for a second month to gather additional comments to add to the discussion. Read the ethical dilemma and then submit your answers. January’s Just Resolutions E-News will include a summary and discussion of all the answers.

New ONLINE Leadership Directory

Members can stay in touch by using the NEW ONLINE Leadership Directory located on the Section's Leadership Page.

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The law schools committee oversees the annual Representation in Mediation Competition. The competition measures how well law students model appropriate preparation for and representation of a client in mediation. This is the 14th competition, and this year’s regional competitions are scheduled for February and March of 2013. The Finals will be held in conjunction with the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution Spring Conference in Chicago in April, 2013.

The ABA Section of Dispute Resolution seeks experienced mediators and lawyers to volunteer for these competitions. We need lawyers experienced with interest-based negotiation to judge the students in the competition. We also need mediators (lawyers and non-lawyers) to serve as mock mediators. To volunteer for the regional competition please contact the regional contact listed individually below. For the national competition please contact Matthew Conger at Matthew.Conger@americanbar.org.
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For more information visit our Spring Conference website.

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<td>March 2-3</td>
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<td>March 1-2</td>
<td>Kelly Freeley <a href="mailto:feeley@law.stetson.edu">feeley@law.stetson.edu</a></td>
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<td>AL, MS, LA</td>
<td>Feb 22-23 (Fri-Sat)</td>
<td>Prof. Joe Lester <a href="mailto:JLester@Faulkner.edu">JLester@Faulkner.edu</a></td>
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