

# Dispute Resolution Law Forum 2023

May 19

Live/Virtual Program

**Total Credits:** 3 General, 1 Dual



The Dispute Resolution Annual Forum has been carefully crafted to provide timely and practical information that will benefit both lawyers and mediators, and offers attendees a program featuring accomplished professionals from the ADR vocation. Topics include crafting a settlement, the art of negotiation, a discussion of litigation and/vs. arbitration in court, handling pro-bono cases, and more!

9:30am - 10:30am CT

## **Drafting Enforceable Settlement Agreements**

*This session will address key provisions typically included in settlement agreements; enforceability of oral or preliminary settlement agreements; and, potential problematic settlement terms.*

Stephen Shields, Jackson, Shields, Yeiser, Holt, Owen & Bryant

Cindy Ettingoff, Memphis Area Legal Services

10:30am - 10:45am CT

**Break**

10:45am - 11:45am CT

## **The Art of Negotiations: The Complexity of Negotiating with and for Professional Athletes**

*This CLE will delve into how difficult it is to negotiate on behalf of NFL Athletes. Attorney Isaac Conner will discuss building rapport with teams, keeping clients happy, understanding a player's true market, and closing a deal.*

Isaac Conner, Manson Johnson Conner, PLLC

11:45am - 12:00pm CT

**Break**

12:00pm – 1:00pm CT

**Arbitration Is Not Litigation-Light: How the Two Forms of Dispute Resolution Differ**

*The program will discuss: the legal and contractual basis for arbitration; the significance federal and state choice of law; foundational legal principles; the drafting and interpretation of the contract's arbitration clause; initiation and the stages of an arbitration case, and how they differ from litigation.*

Matt Sweeney, Nashville

1:00pm – 1:15pm CT

**Networking Break**

1:15pm – 2:15 CT

DUAL

**Gaining Experience and Confidence as a Mediator Through Pro Bono Volunteering**

*Tennessee is one of only a few states with a pro bono requirement for mediators. In this session, we'll explore the Tennessee requirement/regulation, look at what a few other states are doing on this issue, and then examine the various opportunities for mediators to fulfill their pro bono requirement in Tennessee.*

Linda Seely, Butler Snow