

Dispute Resolution Law Forum 2026

May 7

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This year's Dispute Resolution Forum makes its return on May 7! The program will feature carefully crafted sessions tailored to both lawyers and mediators presented by speakers from the ADR vocation. Sessions include a discussion of technology tools that make your mediation practice more efficient, an arbitration panel, and an ethics course covering the BPR rules relevant to attorneys as both negotiators and mediator.

8:45am - 10:00am CT

Tech Tools: Excel Demo, and Artificial Intelligence in Alternative Dispute Resolution

This session begins with Rebecca Ketchie breaking down ways that Microsoft Excel can help parties in mediations organize information and strike a balance. Then, Linda Seely and Larry Bridgesmith will discuss artificial intelligence in ADR. Specifically, they will address AI's role in the mediation process, and how to use AI tools strategically and ethically.

Rebecca Ketchie, Herrin McPeak Shepard & Ketchie
Larry Bridgesmith, Vanderbilt Law School
Linda Seely, Butler Snow

10:00am - 10:10am CT

Break

10:10am - 11:10am CT

ADR in the World of Insurance

An examination of the unique aspects of arbitrating and mediating insurance coverage disputes and underlying cases with coverage issues.

Cindy Ettingoff & Mike Derrick, Shuttleworth PLLC

11:10am - 11:20am CT

Break

11:20am - 12:20pm CT

What Every Attorney Needs to Know About BPR Rules Relevant to Attorney as Negotiator and Mediator

The seminar will focus on each of the BPR Rules that pertain to a lawyer's role as negotiator or mediator.

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

12:20pm - 12:30pm CT

Break

12:30pm - 1:30pm CT

Arbitration Do's and Don'ts: You're Not at the Courthouse Anymore

This session features a learning conversation with three experienced Arbitrators who have dealt with multiple subject matter areas within the Arbitration setting. The Panel will familiarize trial lawyers with those things you can (or cannot do) in arbitration that may be second nature at the courthouse. They also share their experiences and knowledge from a "working lawyer" standpoint that gives them a perspective from different seats in the Arbitral forum. There will be dialogue between the Panelists as they share their own experiences and tips to enhance the Arbitral process.

Mark Travis, Travis ADR Services

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