

Dispute Resolution Law Forum 2021

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A Virtual CLE Event



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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 ways to conduct successful virtual mediations and arbitrations, and a discussion of digital platforms that ensure arbitrations and mediations are secure and run smoothly. Attendees will also learn ways to avoid bias specific to arbitrators and mediators.

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

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Online Mediation: Why, How, and the Future

This presentation will feature two seasoned mediators who have mastered the craft of online mediation. The session will discuss advantages, disadvantages, and best practices. The presenters will also touch on the future of online mediation.

Michael Russell, Miles Mediation & Arbitration

Winter Wheeler, Winter Wheeler Mediation & Arbitration

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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Managing Arbitrator and Mediator Bias: Learning to Know What You Don't Know

Most assume that bias is intentional and that we are aware of its influence on our behavior and intentions. However, the reality is very different. Implicit (unconscious) bias motivates arbitrators and mediators far more than explicit (conscious) bias. This session will explore how to discover and manage bias in the room when mediators and arbitrators may not be aware of its influence.

Sean Hunt, The Hunt Law Firm

Larry Bridgesmith, Vanderbilt University

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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Break

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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Virtual Arbitrations – Best Practices and Looking Forward

This program will address some of the challenges faced by advocates and neutrals over the past year in preparation and presentation of virtual hearings. Topics will include managing party expectations, technology issues, and managing witnesses and exhibits. Additionally, the panel will discuss lessons learned over the past year and what the future holds for virtual hearings.

Mark Travis, Travis ADR Services, LLC

Adrienne Anderson, Anderson Busby PLLC

1:00 p.m.– 2:30 p.m.

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Virtual Tools for Arbitrators/Mediators

When the pandemic struck, and we all rushed to learn how to use Zoom, we weren't aware of the other options available to dispute resolution professionals. If you're interested in learning about other online platform options, now is your chance to see some of the user friendly, safe, and effective options around.

Moderator: Linda Seely, Butler Snow

Platform Panelists:

Clay Phillips, MediationSuites

Chris Draper, Trokt

Carissa Boynton, Smartsettle