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MEDIATION HAS LANDED!

12th Annual TMCA Symposium

Saturday, October 22nd
8:30 am to 4:45 pm

Garret Townes Auditorium, 1st Floor
Houston College of Law
(formerly South Texas College of Law)
1303 San Jacinto, Houston, Texas



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In TMCA's first Symposium to be held in Houston, learn from the latest research regarding court-annexed mediations, gain practical insight from a former Houston City Attorney and hear from a Texas Supreme Court Justice about mediation-related appellate decisions and the effect of mediation on the vanishing trial. Much of the day will focus on ethics, including a panel discussion on the role of mediator in writing agreements and an interactive presentation on other ethical issues facing mediators.

6.25 hours (3 hours ethics) CLE approved

8:00 am – 8:30 am NETWORKING BREAKFAST

8:30 am – 8:45 am WELCOMING REMARKS & INTRODUCTION

John Palmer and Dean Donald Guter

8:45 am – 9:45 am MEDIATION WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE (1.0 hour; .25 ethics)

David D. Feldman

Effective techniques when mediating with city government: the good, the bad and the ugly of what this former city attorney has seen in mediations.

9:45 am – 10:45 am THE PSYCHOLOGY OF CONFLICT: TOOLS TO FACILITATE EFFECTIVE RESOLUTION

(1.0 hours)

John P. Vincent, Ph.D.

Report on research regarding mediated cases in the court system, how mediation has transformed trial practices, vanishing trial issues, how statistics intersect with effective mediation techniques.

10:45 am – 11:00 am BREAK

11:00 am – 12:00 pm THE YIN AND YANG OF A MEDIATOR'S ROLE AS SCRIVENER (1.0 hour; 1.0 ethics)

Panel: Walter Wright, Shelly Hudson, Suzanne Duvall Moderator: Hon. John Coselli

Panel discussion of the role and related ethical considerations of a mediator as scrivener.

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm NETWORKING LUNCH

1:00 pm – 1:15 pm PRESENTATION OF TMCA'S OUTSTANDING CREDENTIAL HOLDER AWARD AND JAMES GIBSON SCHOLARSHIP

1:15 pm – 2:15 pm TEXAS SUPREME COURT'S PERSPECTIVE ON MEDIATION/NEW CASES DEALING WITH MEDIATION (1 hour; .25 ethics)

Justice Eva Guzman Moderator: Hon. Alvin L. Zimmerman

A conversation with Texas Supreme Court Justice Eva Guzman regarding new mediation cases and Supreme Court insight into the effect of mediation on the vanishing trial.

2:15 pm – 3:15 pm INTERNATIONAL MEDIATION (1.0 hour; .25 ethics)

Joe L. Cope, Kimberlee K. Kovach and Tasha Willis

Report on the international meeting in Austin, Texas, and ways mediation is being implemented worldwide.

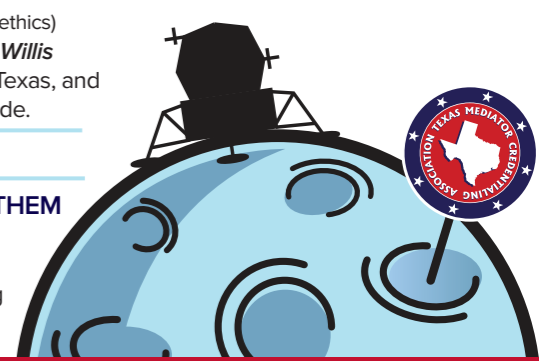
3:15pm – 3:30 pm BREAK

3:30pm – 4:45 pm ETHICAL ISSUES AND HOW TO SOLVE THEM (1.25 hours; 1.25 ethics)

James J. Alfini and Debra Berman

A unique and interactive presentation focusing on ethical issues facing mediators.

FEE: EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT BY 10/1/16
\$130 (current credential holders [CH])
\$150 (non-credential holders [NCH])
AFTER 10/1/16: \$150 (CH) \$170 (NCH)
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* Please register by Friday, October 14. Seating is limited to 180. Registration on-site is not guaranteed.

James J. Alfini

Professor of Law and Dean Emeritus
Houston College of Law

Mr. Alfini teaches dispute resolution and is widely published in the field. B.A., Columbia University; J.D., Northwestern University School of Law.

Debra Berman

Director
Frank Evans Center for Dispute Resolution

Ms. Berman teaches ADR at Houston College of Law and is the coach/coordinator of the school's ADR competition. B.S., Georgetown University; J.D., American University Washington College of Law.

Joe L. Cope

Executive Director, Academic Director and Associate Professor
Duncum Center for Conflict Resolution,
Abilene Christian University

In addition to his roles at ACU, Mr. Cope is an adjunct professor at SMU's Center for Dispute Resolution, the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution at the Pepperdine University School of Law and the William H. Bowen School of Law in Little Rock, AR. Past chair and current special representative to the Section Council, State Bar of Texas ADR Section; current member, TMCA's Board of Directors. B.A., Texas Tech University; J.D., Texas Tech University School of Law; Certificate of Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University School of Law.

Honorable John Coselli

Attorney/Mediator/Arbitrator

Former state district judge, Harris County, and assigned State of Texas district judge, Hon. Coselli currently serves as a mediator, arbitrator and visiting judge. Former Chair, ADR Section of the State Bar of Texas; founding Chair, ADR Section of the Houston Bar Association; former President, Association of Attorney Mediators,

Houston Chapter; current member, TMCA's Board of Directors. B.A., Loyola University; J.D., University of Houston.

Suzanne Mann Duvall

Burdin Mediations

Ms. Duvall is a master mediator, faculty member, trainer and lecturer in ADR. First recipient, American Arbitration Association's annual Steve Brutsché Award of Professional Excellence in Dispute Resolution; first recipient, Tom Eisner Mediator of the Year Award; recipient, Suzanne C. Adams and Frank G. Evans Award for Outstanding Leadership in the field of ADR; first recipient of TMCA's Outstanding Credential Holder award; current member, TMCA's Board of Directors. A.B., San Diego State University; J.D., University of San Diego School of Law.

David M. Feldman

Former Houston City Attorney

Mr. Feldman is currently in private practice with the firm Feldman & Feldman in Houston. B.A., LSU; J.D., Houston College of Law.

Donald J. Guter

President and Dean
Houston College of Law

Having retired in 2002 as Rear Admiral, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Mr. Guter served as Dean of Duquesne University School of Law in Pittsburgh, PA, before coming to Houston School of Law. B.A., University of Colorado; J.D., Duquesne University School of Law.

Justice Eva Guzman

Texas Supreme Court Justice

Justice Guzman was elected Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas in 2009. She is a former Family District Court Judge, Harris County, Texas (1999), and former Justice of the Court of Appeals, Houston. B.B.A., University of Houston;

J.D., Houston College of Law; L.L.M., Duke University School of Law.

Shelly Hudson

Executive Director
Fort Bend County Dispute Resolution Center

Ms. Hudson also has a private practice in family law and probate law. Current member, TMCA's Board of Directors. B.A., University of Texas at Austin; J.D., Houston College of Law.

Kimberlee K. Kovach

Attorney/Mediator/Arbitrator/Trainer

Ms. Kovach has been a leader and visionary in the modern mediation and dispute resolution movement for over thirty-five years. She is a leading teacher, trainer, scholar and practitioner in the fields of mediation, negotiation, arbitration and neutral case evaluation as well as in the design of dispute resolution processes and systems. Past Chair and founding Officer, ABA Dispute Resolution Section; former Chair, Texas State Bar ADR Section; recipient, Frank Evans Award from the State Bar ADR Section and Lifetime Achievement Award by the International Academy of Mediators. B.S., Ohio State University; J.D., Capital University School of Law, Columbus, OH.

John P. Vincent, Ph.D.

Professor and Director
Center for Forensic Psychology,
University of Houston

Dr. Vincent has done extensive research in the assessment of psychological functioning in civil litigation and the effects of mediation. Ph.D., University of Oregon.

Tasha Willis

ADR Director and Mediation Clinic Professor
University of Houston Law Center

Ms. Willis has presented at many CLEs and has been involved in international ADR having taken

a course in Europe in this field. Current member, TMCA's Board of Directors. A.B., University of St. Thomas; J.D., Houston College of Law.

Walter A. Wright

Associate Professor
Department of Political Science,
Texas State University

Prof. Wright teaches courses in law and ADR and is the author of numerous publications. For many years, he served as the Chair of the Newsletter Editorial Board of Alternative Resolutions of the ADR Section of the State Bar of Texas. Former president, Texas Association of Mediators and the Association of Attorney-Mediators; recipient, Steve Brutsché Award from the Association of Attorney-Mediators, the Frank G. Evans Award from the ADR Section for the State Bar of Texas and the Suzanne C. Adams Award from the Texas Association of Mediators. B.A., University of Houston; J.D., University of Houston, LL.M., New York University.

Honorable Alvin L. Zimmerman

Attorney/Mediator/Arbitrator

Currently in private practice at the law firm of Zimmerman, Axelrad, Meyer, Stern & Wise, P.C., Hon. Zimmerman formerly served as a state district judge of the 309th Family District Court and 269th Civil District Court, Harris County, Texas. Former Chair of the ADR Sections of the State Bar of Texas and Houston Bar Association; recipient, Frank G. Evans Outstanding Mediator Award given by the State Bar of Texas, ADR Section; current member, TMCA's Board of Directors. B.S., Psychology, University of Houston; J.D., University of Houston Law Center.

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