

NEW YORK STATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION ASSOCIATION

2024 ANNUAL CONFERENCE



**Embracing the Diversity of
Dispute Resolution:
From Conflict to Cohesion**

September 23-24

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Day 1: September 23

9:00-9:30 AM

Welcome & Opening Session

Theresa Hobbs, Executive Director, NYSDRA

The Honorable Lawrence K. Marks, Chief Administrative Judge (ret.), New York State Unified Court System

The Honorable Antonio Delgado, Office of the Lieutenant Governor of New York State

Meet the Fourth Party: AI and the Future of Dispute Resolution

Presenter: Colin Rule and Clare Fowler

9:30-10:45 AM

Building a Career In ADR: Opportunities & Pathways (1.0 CLE Credit)

Presenter: Nancy Kramer, Esq.

Conflict in a Changing World: The Growing Relevance of ADR

Presenter: Maria R. Volpe, Ph.D.

Conflict Resolution for a World on Fire

Presenter: Nick Pozek

Play! Implementing Games into your Conflict Resolution Practice

Presenter: Cait Righi

A Discussion on the U.S. EEOC's Mediation Program (1.0 CLE Credit)

Presenters: Deborah Reik, Esq. and Jeremy Boyd

11:00 AM-12:15 PM

The ABCs of ADR: Navigating the Fundamentals of Dispute Resolution

Presenter: Duke Fisher

English (as a Second Language) in the Mediation Room

Presenters: Jessica Kent, Liz Kent

12:15-1:00 PM

Lunch & Networking: Connect, Engage, and Explore (Open Session)

1:00 -2:15 PM

Keynote Address : John Lande, J.D., Ph.D.

Why Do You Mediate The Way You Do?

2:15-2:30 PM

Closing and Thanks

Jonathan Murray, Board President, NYSDRA

2:30-3:30 PM

~ Private Session ~

**Inside the Mind of a Peacemaker: A Conversation with John Lande, J.D., Ph.D.
(Open to Sponsors, Honorary Committee Members and NYSDRA Board)**

4:00-5:00 PM

2024 NYSDRA Members Annual Meeting (NYSDRA Members Only)

Day 2: September 24

9:00-9:15 AM

Welcome (Back!) Remarks

Alison Ritchie, NYSDRA Board Member/Conference Committee Chair President

Case Studies: CDRCs' Respond to Hate & Bias in Their Communities

(1.0 CLE credit)

Presenters: Shira May, Ph.D. and Ayanna Behin (Part 1 of 2)

Beyond the Tip of the Iceberg: Evolving Approaches to Resolution & Justice

Presenter: Dina Thompson

9:15-10:30 AM

Bridging Cultures: Insights from the Long Island-Kazakhstan Mediation Dialogue

(1.0 CLE Credit)

Facilitated by: Courtney Chicvak, Esq.

Panelists: Michael Cassandra, Merle Tessier and Robin Rosen Kluger

Navigating Neutrality: The Art of Impartiality in Conflict Resolution

(1.0 CLE Credit)

Presenter: Kim Reisch, Esq.

Keynote Address: Lisa Courtney, Esq.

Diversity of Dispute Resolution Options: ADR in the NYS Courts

10:45 AM-12:00 PM

Lunch & Networking: Connect, Engage, and Explore (Open Session)

The Role of CDRCs in the Hate and Bias Prevention Unit (HBU) at the New York State Division of Human Rights: A Conversation with HBU Staff

(1.0 CLE Credit),

Presenters: Shira May, Ph.D. and Ayanna Behin

12:45-2:00 PM

Disruptive Peacemaking: Can Facilitated Conflict Conversations

Change the Status Quo? (1.0 CLE Credit)

Presenter: Kim Reisch, Esq.

Amplify Your Impact: Unleashing AI for Personal and Professional Growth

Presenter: Patrick Kirby

Empowering Special Education Mediation: The Role of Conflict Coaching

Presenter: Tricia S. Jones, Ph.D.

2:15-2:30 PM

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Andrew Thomas PeaceBuilder Award Presentation

Recipient: Sarah Rudgers-Tysz, Esq.

*Thank You For
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*We hope you enjoyed the NYSDRA
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