

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

9:30-10:45 AM

Meet the Fourth Party: AI and the Future of Dispute Resolution
Presenter: Colin Rule and Clare Fowler
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Building a Career In ADR: Opportunities & Pathways (1.0 CLE Credit)
Presenter: Nancy Kramer, Esq.
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Conflict in a Changing World: The Growing Relevance of ADR
Presenter: Maria R. Volpe, Ph.D.
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Conflict Resolution for a World on Fire
Presenter: Nick Pozek

11:00 AM-12:15 PM

Play! Implementing Games into your Conflict Resolution Practice
Presenter: Cait Righi
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A Discussion on the U.S. EEOC's Mediation Program (1.0 CLE Credit)
Presenters: Deborah Reik, Esq. and Jeremy Boyd
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The ABCs of ADR: Navigating the Fundamentals of Dispute Resolution
Presenter: Duke Fisher
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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

9:15-10:30 AM

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)

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

Presenter: Dina Thompson

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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

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Navigating Neutrality: The Art of Impartiality in Conflict Resolution
(1.0 CLE Credit)

Presenter: Kim Reisch, Esq.

10:45 AM-12:00 PM

Keynote Address: Lisa Courtney, Esq.

Diversity of Dispute Resolution Options: ADR in the NYS Courts

12:00-12:45 PM

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

12:45-2:00 PM

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

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

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Disruptive Peacemaking: Can Facilitated Conflict Conversations Change the Status Quo? (1.0 CLE Credit)

Presenter: Kim Reisch, Esq.

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Amplify Your Impact: Unleashing AI for Personal and Professional Growth

Presenter: Patrick Kirby

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Empowering Special Education Mediation: The Role of Conflict Coaching

Presenter: Tricia S. Jones, Ph.D.

2:15-2:30 PM

Closing and Thanks

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4:00-5:30 PM

Andrew Thomas PeaceBuilder Award Presentation

Recipient: Sarah Rudgers-Tysz, Esq.

*Thank You For
Attending!*

*We hope you enjoyed the NYSDRA
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