Upcoming Events

March 9-10
ABA Representation in Mediation Competition, Region 7 (University of Nebraska)

April 3-6
ABA 15th Annual Section of Dispute Resolution Spring Conference (Chicago, IL)

April 27-May 1
AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education (San Juan, Puerto Rico)

Professor Len Riskin to Receive Award for Outstanding Scholarly Work

We are delighted to report that our colleague, Visiting Professor Leonard Riskin, has been selected to receive The ABA Section of Dispute Resolution Award for Outstanding Scholarly Work. This award honors individuals whose scholarship has contributed to the dispute resolution field. Professor Riskin is always on the cutting edge in his scholarship. Whether it is providing a framework for better understanding and identifying mediator orientations, sharing with us a contemplative practice in mindfulness to be more effective attorneys and mediators, or his most recent research about how the Internal Family Systems model helps us understand the negotiation within.

NU Faculty to have Strong Presence during ABA-Dispute Resolution Conference

Many of our faculty members are presenting at this year’s ABA-DR conference, and we are excited that it will take place in Chicago for the first time in its 15-year history. As Planning Conference Co-Chair,
Professor Alyson Carrel is excited to welcome colleagues to Chicago and encourages participants to not only enjoy the various concurrent sessions, but to take advantage of the dine-arounds, architecture tours, and other social activities associated with the conference. During the Legal Educators Colloquium, Alyson will be presenting with other Chicago ADR faculty members to discuss developing opportunities for live client interaction as advocates (as opposed to neutrals) in the mediation process. Professor Lynn Cohn will also be presenting during the Legal Educators Colloquium and will demonstrate the practice of using “talking circles” for group discussions in experiential courses. During the concurrent sessions, Professor Daniel Gandert will be presenting on recent decisions of the Court of Arbitration Sports and Professor Len Riskin will be sharing his latest research into use of Internal Family Systems as a model for understanding the negotiation within.

Northwestern is hosting a reception on April 5, 2013 from 5:30-7:00pm for dispute resolution faculty. The reception will take place in the Bluhm Legal Clinic at Northwestern. Please join us!

New Course Offered: Restorative Justice

This semester NU is offering a new course on restorative justice as part of our DR curriculum. The course introduces students to the philosophy, history and guiding principles of restorative justice, as well as its many applications. Students have the opportunity to visit and meet with one of ten different organizations that practice different restorative justice approaches throughout the Chicagoland area. Class discussions follow the talking circle process, yet another unique aspect of this course.

Teaching Negotiation – New Resources

Professor Lynn Cohn has been busy developing new resources for negotiation professors, teachers, and trainers. The new book Assessing Our Students, Assessing Ourselves, is the third volume in the Rethinking Negotiation Teaching Series and features an article co-authored by Lynn, “Assessing the Adventure.” This article discusses the challenges of how to assess students when using adventure learning processes. Lynn previously wrote about the concept of adventure learning in the 2010 article “Bringing Negotiation Teaching to Life: From the Classroom to the Campus to the Community,” featured in volume 2 of this series and is now providing additional insight into how and why (or why not) professors might assess students in their adventure learning experience. As part of Dispute Resolution Research Center (DRRC) at NU’s Kellogg School of Management, Lynn also conducted a webinar on the negotiation exercise Pat Sullivan. This exercise illustrates the role of agent/attorney and client in developing and implementing negotiation strategy. Each month the DRRC provides a webinar discussing approaches for teaching the multitude of role plays housed on their website negotiationexercises.com. In addition, the website features a series of videos by Lynn discussing how to use these exercises in the law school setting.

In addition, Professor Alyson Carrel wrote a short piece for the ABA-DR newsletter Just Resolutions on internet-based resources professors of experiential courses might use to better engage students with technology. The two websites she recommends are www.polleverywhere.com (providing clicker like technology for free) and Google Sites through www.google.com (providing access to wiki-based technology for easy to use group project platforms in the internet environment). You can read her article here.

Lance Armstrong and The Court of Arbitration
for Sport

Professor Daniel Gandert will be speaking about Lance Armstrong and the legal issues related to his doping offences to the Northwestern Law Alumni Club of Milwaukee. Daniel has done significant research relating to dispute resolution in international sports as well as how the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) handles doping offences. At the talk, Daniel will discuss the various options held by the anti-doping authorities under the World Anti-Doping Code (WADC), as well as Armstrong’s options under the code. Daniel will describe the CAS case law related to Armstrong’s case, as well as how his case is significant. He will describe the issues with Armstrong’s proposal for a separate tribunal, as well as discuss the proposed changes to the World Anti-Doping Code and the affect that they would have on future cases.

NU’s Dispute Resolution curriculum is designed to help students prepare for their role as problem solver, understand the process choices they have for approaching deals and disputes, and develop the skills for effective advocacy.