The Saltman Center for Conflict Resolution at the William S. Boyd School of Law hosts a Summer Institute geared to give law or graduate students, attorneys, and other professionals the chance to take intensive short courses on dispute resolution in Las Vegas. Courses, taught by experts in the field, offer one to two law school credits or 12 to 24 hours of Nevada CLE credit. This year’s offerings focus on the following:

Dispute System Design
Settling Legal Disputes - Negotiation & Mediation Advocacy
Multiparty Negotiation
Decision Making for Lawyers
COURSES

Dispute System Design
1 credit or 12 hours of NV CLE credit
Wednesday, May 20 to Friday, May 22 – 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Professor Lisa Blomgren Amsler

Dispute system design (DSD) is the applied art and science of designing the means to prevent, manage, learn from, and resolve streams of conflicts. For example, knowledge of DSD can help attorneys advise senior management on ways to decrease the large number of discrimination claims employees file, help a company design a system so on-line customers can seek cost-effective recourse for defective products, or help courts design better dispute resolution methods. This course will introduce students to DSD in these and other contexts including administrative agencies, organizational conflict management, environmental collaborative governance, and international applications. Topics in this broad overview include the spectrum of dispute resolution processes (negotiation, mediation, arbitration); applying the analytic framework for understanding an existing system; the steps in DSD for improving or creating a system, and evaluating a system’s function and effectiveness (access, efficiency, justice).

Settling Legal Disputes - Negotiation & Mediation Advocacy
2 credits or 24 hours of NV CLE credit
Monday, June 1 to Thursday, June 4 – 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Friday, June 5 – 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Professor Harold Abramson

This course covers how to settle legal disputes in negotiations and mediations-where most legal disputes are resolved. Students will learn how attorneys need to depart from their advocacy practices in the courtroom and employ distinctive practices suitable for the settlement room. This course examines the theoretical foundations for effective representation as well as gives students the opportunity to develop and practice the relevant skills. Students will first fashion appropriate negotiation approaches. Then students will examine how to enlist assistance from mediators and develop and implement tailored-made mediation representation plans. The course gives special attention to the choices students should weigh when representing clients throughout the negotiation and mediation processes. This course is based on the professor’s award winning and widely used book, Mediation Representation-Advocating as a Problem Solver (3d ed. 2013).

Decision Making for Lawyers
2 credits or 24 hours of NV CLE credit
Monday, June 22 – 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 23 – 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday, June 24 – 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, June 25 – 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Friday, June 26 – 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 27 – 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Professor Randall Kiser

This course enables students and legal professionals to become superior decision makers. It is designed to enhance legal judgment, problem-solving, client counseling, leadership and conflict resolution skills through improved perception, investigation, perspective taking, self-evaluation, communication, analysis and forecasting. The course describes the psychology of decision making; explains the legal malpractice and disciplinary implications of deficient decision making; identifies the frequency, costs and predictors of adverse legal outcomes; highlights frames and techniques for improving client representation in litigation and transactional practices; and demonstrates methods to upgrade personal, group and organizational decision making. Teaching methods include lectures, simulations, class discussions, breakout sessions, case studies and independent research.

Multiparty Negotiation
1 credit or 12 hours of NV CLE credit
Thursday, June 11 to Saturday, June 13 – 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Professor Carrie Menkel-Meadow

This course will look at negotiation in situations of more than two parties, including lawyers and clients in conventional disputes and other disputes which involve more than 4 participants, including community, environmental and international disputes and transactions. The course will examine and provide practice (through role plays and simulations) in skill sets involving negotiation, mediation and meeting facilitation and management.

FACULTY

Harold Abramson
Professor of Law, Touro Law Center, New York

Hal Abramson is a full-time faculty member at Touro Law Center, New York, where he teaches, trains, and writes about how attorneys can effectively represent clients in domestic and international mediations. He also taught full-time for one year at UNLV’s Boyd School of Law, as a visiting professor, and is now a Senior Scholar at UNLV’s Saltman Center for Conflict Resolution. He is an
experienced domestic and international commercial mediator and has taught or trained throughout the United States as well as in Australia, China, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, India, Israel, Netherlands, Russia, Switzerland, South Africa, and Turkey. He currently serves as the first Scholar in (virtual) Residence of the International Academy of Mediators (IAM), serves as a member of the planning committee for the ABA Asian-Pacific International Mediation Summit in Delhi, and is contributing to the work on the international treaty for enforcing mediated settlements pending before UNCITRAL. He served as Chair of the ABA Committee that drafted its mediation representation competition rules and assisted the ICC in Paris in launching its international mediation representation competition. He also served as co-chair of the IMI Task Force in The Hague that designed an Inter-Cultural Mediator Certification Program. Abramson’s publications include two books, Mediation Representation-Advocating as a Problem-Solver (3d ed., 2013, and Recipient of CPR 2004 Book Award) and International Conflict Resolution-ADR Consensual Processes (2005). Professor Abramson also served for nine years as Vice Dean responsible for academic programs, faculty development and international programs and has taught a range of courses including international business transactions, sales, and business organization. He currently teaches courses on dispute resolution and remedies.

Lisa Blomgren Amsler
Keller-Runden Professor of Public Service, Indiana University

Lisa Blomgren Amsler (formerly Bingham) is Professor and Keller-Runden Chair in Public Service at Indiana University's School of Public and Environmental Affairs where she has taught since 1992. She is also a Senior Scholar at UNLV’s Saltman Center for Conflict Resolution. She was Director of the Indiana Conflict Resolution Institute from 1997 to 2007. She has held visiting faculty, scholar, or lecturer positions at the University of California Hastings College of Law, Indiana University School of Law, University of Aberdeen School of Law, and University of California Berkeley Center for the Study of Law and Society. She practiced labor law from 1979 to 1989 at Shipman and Goodwin, where she was a partner from 1984-1989. She has authored over ninety articles, monographs, and book chapters, and edited three books on dispute resolution and collaborative governance. Amsler’s research has received awards from the American Bar Association, the Association for Conflict Resolution, the American Society of Public Administration, and the Labor and Employment Relations Association. In 2007, she received the Rubin Theory-to-Practice Award from the International Association for Conflict Management and Harvard Project on Negotiation for research that makes a significant impact on practice. She is an elected fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration. In 2014, she received the American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution’s Award for Outstanding Scholarly Work.

Randall Kiser
Principal Analyst, DecisionSet®

Randall Kiser is the Principal Analyst at DecisionSet® in Palo Alto, California, and an international authority on legal decision making. His research and teaching integrate the fields of law, statistics, psychology and economics. Mr. Kiser is the author of two books on legal judgment, Beyond Right and Wrong: The Power of Effective Decision Making For Attorneys (2010) and Clients and How Leading Lawyers Think: Expert Insights Into Judgment and Advocacy (2011). His work has been cited in U.S. Supreme Court briefs and is frequently featured in major legal publications like Bloomberg Law Reports, Harvard Negotiation Law Review, and National Law Journal. His findings on legal decision-making errors, the New York Times reports, “raise provocative questions about how lawyers and clients make decisions.” Mr. Kiser teaches legal judgment at the University of Washington School of Law, Pepperdine University School of Law, U.C. Irvine School of Law’s Center for Corporate Legal Leadership and at UNLV’s Boyd School of Law. He also has conducted decision-making programs in the United States, Europe and South America for more than 3,200 legal professionals during the last three years.

Carrie Menkel-Meadow
Chancellor’s Professor of Law and Political Science, University of California Irvine Law School; A.B. Chettle Jr. Professor of Law, Dispute Resolution and Civil Procedure, Georgetown University Law Center

A law professor at both University of California Irvine School of Law, and Georgetown Law Carrie Menkel-Meadow teaches a variety of international and domestic dispute resolution courses, including Negotiation, Mediation, International Dispute Resolution, and Multi-Party Dispute Resolution Processes. She is the author or editor of over 10 books, including Complex Dispute Resolution (3 volumes: Foundations, Multi-Party Disputes, Democracy and Decision Making, and International Dispute Resolution) (2012), Dispute Resolution: Beyond the Adversarial Model, (2nd ed. 2011) and What’s Fair: Ethics for Negotiators (2004) and over 200 articles. She has taught conflict resolution related subjects on five continents, including in Chile, Argentina, China, Singapore, Australia, Israel, the United Kingdom, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Switzerland, Canada, Italy, France, Norway, and Paraguay. She has been working, as a scholar, teacher, mediator and arbitrator for over 30 years and has been working on peace in the Middle East for the last seven years. She won the first ever awarded American Bar Association Award for Outstanding Scholarship on Dispute Resolution in 2011.
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All courses are held at the William S. Boyd School of
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