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Mediation Week 15-20 Oct. 2020, Faculty of Law UWB

## “E-Justice in an E-World”

“E-xpertise”, “E-xperience” & “E-mpathy”



*“Discourage litigation. Persuade your neighbors to compromise whenever you can. Point out to them how the nominal winner is often a real loser—in fees, expenses, and waste of time. As a peacemaker the lawyer has a superior opportunity of being a good man. There will still be business enough.”*

***A. Lincoln***

## **Mediation Week 2020 15-19 Oct. 2020, Faculty of Law, University of Bialystok, via ZOOM**

“Mediation Week” is a world-wide initiative geared towards mediation promotion. Mediation Week in Poland goes on from the 12 till the 16th of October, and is highly promoted by the Ministry of Justice of Poland. The Faculty of Law, UwB will be hosting the Mediation Week 15-19 Oct. 2020.

Mediation Week provides a unique opportunity to not only promote alternative dispute resolution and foster good practices in the realm of law, but also to connect and establish bridges between practitioners and mediation enthusiasts. The Faculty of Law UwB will be fostering good practices and knowledge exchange through online means of communication.

Also, October marks the Polish-American Heritage month, which the Faculty of Law UwB will be celebrating in due fashion with 4 distinguished speakers from the United States.

Unsurprisingly, due to the ongoing pandemic this year’s theme is e-mediation.

**Hence, this year, the Faculty of Law, University of Bialystok will be hosting 3 ZOOM meetings which will revolve around the issues of:**

**“E-xpertise”**

**“E-xperience”**

**and “E-mpathy”.**

The “E” symbolizes the changing dynamics in the realm of law and emphasizes the ever-present need to evolve and excel through meaningful conversations on an international level.

The Faculty of Law will have the honor and privilege to be hosting 4 unique speakers from the United States who will shed some light on their practice and share their thoughts on challenges to mediation and peace in the modern world.

This year our distinguished speakers are:

**Dr. Mary Lou Bryant Frank**

**Professor Kenneth K. Frank, J.D**

**Dr. David Lewis, Esq.**

**Martin Waldman, Esq.**

Our guest speakers will try to answer some of the most challenging questions of our times relevant to e-justice: how can we foster peace and dialogue in these difficult times? How can we develop better communication skills through online interactions? How important is certification and professionalization of the profession? All sessions will be followed by a Q&A.

## **Schedule:**

### **#1 Martin Waldman, Esq., “E-xperience”**

#### **Topic: ADR tips/ Mediator’s tips**

Mr Waldman will cover issues relevant to the practice of mediation with special emphasis on personal injury law. The presentation will identify key challenges to a mediator’s practice.

Date: 15.10.2020

Time: 6:00 P.M Warsaw, 12:00 EST, Location: ZOOM

### **#2 Dr Mary Lou Bryant Frank and Professor Kenneth K. Frank, J.D “E-mpathy”**

#### **Topic: Law and Psychology**

Dr. Mary Lou Bryant Frank and Professor Kenneth Frank will elaborate on some of the most substantive issues prevalent to the intersection of psychology and law. We will try to answer questions such as: How has the change in our everyday communication had an impact on conflict(s), and how we resolve conflicts? How will going online impact negotiations and resolving disputes? Why should we address emotions in conflicts? How will addressing them impact our success and the future of mediation? What are the challenges to young lawyers regarding learning soft skills when everything goes online? How can we build a culture of peace and understanding with online communication?

Date: 16.10.2020

Time: 6:00 P.M Warsaw, 12:00 EST, Location: ZOOM

### **Meeting #3 Dr David Lewis, esq., “E-xpertise”**

#### **Topic: How do you credential yourself? Who do You want to be? A Guide to being a successful mediator.**

Dr. Lewis will guide us through some of the major issues surrounding the professionalization of the mediation profession and in particular, the subject of mediator certification. Certification remains a controversial and sometimes divisive issue in the ADR community. Dr. Lewis will discuss some of the contemporary challenges and debates surrounding certification and the professionalisation of mediation practice. He will also outline a conceptual framework to explain what certification means and where its development stands today. During the panel, he will highlight how certification can be an opportunity for mediators to be recognized as professionals and the ongoing importance of certification for establishing credibility for emerging mediators.

Date: 19.10.2020

Time: 6:00 PM Warsaw, 12:00 EST, Location: ZOOM

	<b>Presenter:</b>	<b>Theme:</b>	<b>Zoom Link:</b>
Meeting #1 15.10.2020 6:00 PM Warsaw	Martin Waldman, esq.	“E-xperience”	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81087592586?pwd=UmFjb1JsdzAyV25nTnpDMUZ5Y2FoUT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81087592586?pwd=UmFjb1JsdzAyV25nTnpDMUZ5Y2FoUT09</a>  Meeting ID: 810 8759 2586  Passcode: 89h7ZT
Meeting #2 16.10.2020 6:00 PM Warsaw	Dr Mary Lou Bryant Frank  Prof. Kenneth Frank, J.D	“E-mpathy”	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83443075912?pwd=aV4QXNSeGs1OUhOUTY2ckxuSWtaQT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83443075912?pwd=aV4QXNSeGs1OUhOUTY2ckxuSWtaQT09</a>  Meeting ID: 834 4307 5912  Passcode: 6Zi2b7
Meeting #3 19.20.2020 6:00 PM Warsaw	Dr David Lewis	“E-xpertise”	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84617883574?pwd=TDhyOUpwTUdSTTZ5K2pHdTeyOWwvZz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84617883574?pwd=TDhyOUpwTUdSTTZ5K2pHdTeyOWwvZz09</a>  Meeting ID: 846 1788 3574  Passcode: vDznG9

**Join us on Oct 15, 16 and 19. Looking forward to seeing you on ZOOM!**

All questions and concerns are to be directed to:

**Dr Maria Cudowska, [m.cudowska@uwb.edu.pl](mailto:m.cudowska@uwb.edu.pl)**

**The Organizers will not be issuing Certificates of Participation. The event will be in English only.**

## OUR GUEST SPEAKERS

### **Dr Mary Lou Bryant Frank**

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Dr. Mary Lou Bryant Frank holds a Ph.D. and M.S. degree in Psychology from Colorado State University. To gain additional training, Dr Frank completed the Advanced Negotiations for Executives at Harvard University. Currently, Dr Frank is a Fellow at the Institute for Higher Education at the University of Georgia and teaches at Brenau University and Middle Georgia State University.

In higher education, Dr Frank has served as a psychologist, professor, department chair, dean, associate vice president, and vice president. For 19 years, Dr Frank served as a mediator for the university system of Georgia. Dr Frank received many awards for community service, diversity, clinical service, and leadership as well as receiving the Who's Who Lifetime Achievement Award. As a consultant, trainer, mediator, and speaker on mediation, diversity, and leadership, Dr Frank has worked in China, Greece, Poland, Ukraine, UAE, Morocco, US, and Canada. Dr Frank's, "The Mind of a Peacemaker: The Psychology of Mediation," is in its 2nd edition. New in this edition is a Foreword by Kenneth Cloke.

#### **Memberships:**

Past President, International Academy of Dispute Resolution, Registered Neutral Mediator, Licensed Psychologist

Board Member, International Women's Think Tank

### **Professor Kenneth Frank, J.D**

Professor Kenneth Frank holds a J.D. from the University of Colorado and a Master's Degree in Conflict Resolution from Columbia College.

Prof. Kenneth Frank is a Professor and Director of the undergraduate degree program in Conflict Resolution and Legal Studies at Brenau University. He is also the recipient of the Ann Austin Johnston Outstanding Faculty Award. Recently, he has been honored by the InterNational Academy for Dispute Resolution as the "Coach of the Year." Over the years, Prof. Kenneth Frank has served as Chair of the Humanities Program and Chair of the First-Year Experience Program.

Prof. Frank is a trainer/consultant for organizations as diverse as the Atlanta History Center, and Universities in Poland, Greece, Dubai, and China.

#### **Memberships**

Chair, International Intercollegiate Mediation Tournament Board Vice President, U.S. for the Board of Directors of the

InterNational Academy for Dispute Resolution, Registered Neutral, Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution, Past President, Kiwanis

## **Martin Waldman, Esq.**

Martin G. Waldman is a graduate of Michigan State University. He attended the Detroit College of Law, receiving his Juris Doctor in 1977. In addition to maintaining an active practice in Michigan, Mr. Waldman is also licensed to practice law in the State of Florida.

Over the past thirty-four years, Mr. Waldman has handled a wide variety of different legal matters, including contract claims, collections matters, real estate disputes and construction bond defense litigation, although he has generally concentrated his practice in the field of personal injury law. After successfully litigating personal injury claims on behalf of injured parties for fifteen (15) years, Mr. Waldman joined the Zurich North America staff legal staff office of Carter, Gebauer & Waldman located in Southfield, where he held the position of chief trial attorney. During the next twelve (12) years, he primarily defended against catastrophic injury lawsuits instituted against Zurich policyholders as a result of motor vehicle collisions, slip and fall incidents and construction site accidents. During this time, Mr. Waldman also represented numerous automobile dealerships in defending significant business loss claims arising from alleged violations of the Michigan Consumer Protection Act and the federal Truth in Lending Act, including litigating three class action cases filed in the United States District Court. In July of 2003, Mr. Waldman returned to private practice opening his present office in West Bloomfield. Since that time, he has concentrated his efforts in the field of alternative dispute resolution, an area of law in which he has been actively involved since 1995.

In February of 2003, in order to ensure that the skills which he had developed over the years were consistent with the requirements mandated by the Michigan Supreme Court Administrator's office, Mr. Waldman completed the required 40-hour mediation training offered through the Oakland Mediation Center located in Bloomfield Hills. Over the years, he has successfully mediated thousands of lawsuits assisting the parties in arriving at a negotiated settlement. In addition to serving the legal community as a mediator, Mr. Waldman has extensive experience conducting hearings as a neutral arbitrator.

Mr. Waldman's background in having represented injured parties, as well as insurance carriers, places him in the unique position of being able to see both sides of a claim or dispute, to articulate the positions taken by the respective parties, and to facilitate an amicable resolution without the need of protracted and expensive litigation.

**Dr. David Lewis, Esq., Chartered Mediator, IMI Certified:**

David Lewis mediates civil/commercial, construction, corporate, and employment disputes. Mr. Lewis' firm EGADR specialises in corporate and organisational conflict, and assists small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) with the design and implementation of effective dispute resolution infrastructure at all points along the supply chain. Mr. Lewis also mediates family and workplace disputes on a pro bono basis and conciliates, makes expert determinations, and performs large group facilitations.

Mr. Lewis has taught mediation globally, published several articles in the field, and completed more than 1,000 hours of professional ADR training. Mr. Lewis volunteers extensively in the ADR field including as a coach, judge and mediator for the ICC International Mediation Competition, an expert assessor for the CDRC, a Vis arbitrator, a judge for the ABA Mediation Competition, a coach for INADR, and as a member of the problems working group for Lex Infinitum.

Mr. Lewis received his IMI Certification from the Association for International Arbitration and is also one of a handful of mediators globally to have received Intercultural IMI Certification from BRDGES Academy. He holds CEDR and EMTPJ accredited commercial mediator status and is a Chartered Mediator (Q.Med. C.Med.) and Qualified Arbitrator (Q.Arb.) with ADRIIC in Canada as well as a SIMI Certified Mediator in Singapore. He holds ADR Group accreditation as a family practitioner and is certified by EU Cross-Border Family Mediators and MIKK as a specialist in Hague Convention Abduction matters. He is registered with the Maryland Program for Mediator Excellence and is the Programs Director on the board of the Maryland Council for Dispute Resolution.

Mr. Lewis completed his Bachelor of Civil Law at Pembroke College, Oxford, a Masters of Corporate Law from Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, and a JD from the University of Maryland. He also earned his LL.M. in Dispute Resolution as the inaugural JAMS Scholar at Pepperdine University and was a Fulbright research scholar in the area of comparative mediation



Stay tuned for more events at the Faculty of Law, University of Bialystok!