



**Association of Attorney-Mediators
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“Learning from the Past, Focusing on the Future”

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SPEAKERS AND PANELISTS BIOS



Priscilla Chan is a mediator and President of Accord Mediation, PLLC, with over two decades of litigation experience working as a trial attorney in the public and private sectors. Over her career, Priscilla has mediated hundreds of cases, both as participant and neutral, across a wide spectrum of practice areas. Before mediating full-time, Priscilla was an Assistant United States Attorney at the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Seattle, where she developed a broad range of expertise representing the federal government in personal injury, medical malpractice, employment discrimination, civil rights and immigration litigation. Priscilla’s focused and steadfast collaboration with agencies, counsel

and other stakeholders, helped find creative and insightful solutions to pressing conflicts affecting the government on both local and national levels. A native of Tacoma, Washington, Priscilla received her B.A. in Neurobiology from Wellesley College and her J.D. from Lewis and Clark Law School in Oregon, before returning to Seattle permanently. Active in her community, Priscilla is a past President of the Asian Bar Association of Washington (ABAW) where she worked with state and minority bar associations to increase diversity in the legal community. She is a certified mediator with the Washington Mediation Association (WMA), a mentee to a Distinguished Fellow of the International Academy of Mediators (IAM) and co-Chair of the ABA Dispute Resolution Section’s Employment Law Committee.

Phyllis Cheng is a neutral at ADR Services Inc., where she mediates employment, civil rights, class actions, and other matters. She also serves on the mediation panels of the California Court of Appeal and the U.S. District Court, Central District of California, where she leads its mediation practice group. Ms. Cheng has served in the administrations of California Governors George Deukmejian, Pete Wilson, Arnold Schwarzenegger and Jerry Brown. Among other things, she was Director of the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH), the largest state civil rights agency in the United States. She served on the California Fair Employment and Housing Commission, Comparable Worth Task Force, and Commission on the Status of Women. Ms. Cheng was partner at a global law firm, research attorney at the California Court of Appeal, and deputy attorney general at the California DOJ. The State Bar of California named her the 2012 Ronald M. George Public Lawyer of the Year. She is Managing Editor of the CALIFORNIA LABOR & EMPLOYMENT LAW REVIEW, co-editor of CALIFORNIA FAIR HOUSING AND PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS (Thomson Reuters-The Rutter Group), writer of an employment law alert, and contributor to many other publications. Before she was a lawyer, Ms. Cheng was Title IX Coordinator of the Los Angeles Unified School District, and was responsible for the enactment of California’s version of the Title IX law. She received her bachelor and master degrees from UCLA, her law degree from Southwestern Law School, and her Ph.D. from USC, where she was a James Irvine Fellow.





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Sharon Corsentino is a Credentialed Distinguished Mediator by the Texas Mediator Credentialing Association. Prior to starting her dedicated mediation practice in 2016, Sharon practiced collaborative law and also litigated complex family law, probate, and guardianship cases. Since starting her mediation practice, Sharon has helped settle hundreds of family law cases and civil cases in courts throughout North Texas. These cases have involved a variety of legal issues, including divorce involving complex property and custody matters, child custody modifications, guardianship, debt claims, probate, and landlord-

tenant disputes. Sharon was formerly an adjunct faculty member at the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas teaching family law mediation and served as an adjunct professor in the Conflict Management and Dispute Resolution Program at El Centro College, a part of the Dallas County Community College District in Dallas, Texas, where she taught both the 24-hour family law mediation training and the 40-hour civil mediation training. Sharon also conducts conflict management trainings for police officers and civilian staff for the Caruth Police Institute. Sharon's dedication to alternative dispute resolution is reflected in her involvement in numerous professional organizations and volunteer activities. She has served on the board of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Section of the Dallas Bar Association since 2019 and was the section chair in 2020. Sharon is the current President of the Association of Attorney-Mediators North Texas Chapter and is a director on the State Bar of Texas ADR Council. Sharon regularly volunteers as a mediator for the Denton County Alternative Dispute Resolution Program and the Dallas County Dispute Resolution Center. In addition to volunteering as a mediator, Sharon has served as a judge for law school mock mediation competitions both at a regional and national level. When not mediating, Sharon enjoys travelling the world with her husband.

Gary Fowler mediates and arbitrates matters based on his 30 years of national experience in labor and employment, equity compensation, ERISA, commercial litigation, insurance, media, defamation, and related matters. He is a frequent speaker in mediation and arbitration and performs pro bono mediations through the Dallas County Dispute Resolution Center and other organizations. Gary Fowler mediates and arbitrates matters through JAMS based on his 30 years of national experience in labor and employment, equity compensation, ERISA, commercial litigation, insurance, media, defamation, and related matters. He is a fellow of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and is Board Certified in Labor and Employment Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. He is a frequent speaker in mediation and arbitration and performs pro bono mediations through the Dallas County Dispute Resolution Center and other organizations.



Robert L. Friedenber, Esq., is a full-time mediator, arbitrator and discovery referee. Bob has 39 years of legal experience and 34 years of mediation and arbitration experience, the last 19 of which have been exclusively as a Mediator, Arbitrator, Discovery Referee, Special Master. He has handled over 2,000 cases through his years of experience, with a wide range of subject matters and case sizes. His cases have ranged from large, multi-party construction cases (public and private) with claims exceeding \$10 million, down to smaller value cases in a wide variety of civil matters. Bob's early experience as a secondary school teacher and coach before beginning his legal career has helped him succeed both as a trial lawyer and mediator working with regular people in a down-to-earth way.



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Eric Galton is a co-founder of the Lakeside Mediation center in Austin, Texas, a past President of the International Academy of Mediators, and the author of four books about mediation, including *Stories Mediator's Tell*. Galton is a Texas Distinguished Credentialed mediator and has been a Texas SuperLawyer since 2011.



Afsana Gibson-Chowdhury is a designated Qualified Mediator and a roster mediator at the Ontario Mandatory Mediation Program. She is the founder of 'Gibson Chowdhury', a Toronto-based mediation boutique, specializing in civil and commercial disputes, including contract, neighbour, and residential construction/renovation disputes. Afsana is the co-founder and Senior Vice President of the Diversified Dispute Resolution Institute of Canada (DDRIOC) and an Adjudicator at the Property Standards Committee for the City of Toronto. Afsana is an active member of the Ontario Bar Association and is currently serving as the Chair of the ADR Section Executive board. She has written several CLE programs concerning cultural competency and intercultural communications and developed educational tools in the area. She also developed a 4 day course, "Intercultural Communication and Diversity for Professionals" which is an accredited course through DDRIOC. She is a member of the International Academy of Mediators' DEI committee and has recently co-

chaired a ground breaking report as part of an OBA Working Group called "Neutral Diversity in Ontario". Afsana attends speaking engagements globally to present on topics such as dispute resolution and Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in ADR. Afsana received the ADR Institute of Ontario, Star Award 2021

Leonard S. Levy is a full-time mediator and arbitrator with ADR Services, Inc., mediating and arbitrating matters in a variety of areas, including personal injury, mass tort, employment, business disputes, insurance, construction, real estate, and commercial law. Len's practice as a neutral draws upon his 23 years of experience as a mediator and arbitrator as well as his background as a litigator for almost 30 years, handling complex litigation matters. He is also an Adjunct Professor of Law at Loyola Law School, where for the last 13 years he has been teaching a course on negotiations, and currently hosts a podcast "Masters of Dispute Resolution."





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Andrea Morrison, IAM Distinguished Fellow, has been serving as a mediator, coach, group facilitator, system designer, and trainer since 1995. Alongside private practice, she served ten years as a permanent mediator for the Quebec Human Rights Commission. She was named this year as Senior Mediator for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, and as their first, is tasked with designing mediation services for TV and radio stations across Canada. Some of her first contracts in 1995 were with First Nations, developing tribal justice systems. Learning from their approach to justice taught her core values around balance and healing. She has worked with first peoples from James Bay in the far north to Ecuador. She also has extensive international experience, such as developing and delivering training in Aceh, Indonesia, following the tsunami; in French West Africa, for international commercial mediation under OHADA; and in Taiwan as part of a community-based mediation program. Andrea was on the governing board member of the Québec Institute for Mediation and Arbitration for nine years and headed the Governance Committee as well as the International Committee. She was named Honored Fellow of the Canadian Institute for Conflict Resolution for her work in program development and community service. She has lectured at McGill University and the University of Sherbrooke for more than twenty years. She is a member of the Quebec Bar, an honored fellow with IAM, and a member of their Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee. She brings knowledge of English, French, Spanish, German, Russian, and Chinese to her practice.



Stuart Suskin worked for the State of Florida as a mediator for approximately 24 years. He is currently working as a state-wide private mediator, specializing in Workers' Compensation disputes. He became Board Certified in Workers' Compensation in 1988. He was the President of the Conference of State Mediators for over 10 years. Stuart is also President of the local chapter of the Friends of 440 Scholarship Fund and a member of the Statewide Board of Directors. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of The Professional Mediation Institute, and serves on the Steering Committee of The Forum Seminar, sponsored by the Workers' Compensation Section of The Florida Bar. He has been the moderator of the "Hot Topics" Panel of the Attorneys' Breakout at the WCI Educational Conference for over 10 years, and has been a frequent guest speaker at the University of Florida Law School in Mediation. He regularly volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, prior to Covid.

Michael A. Zuckerman Esq. is a full-time mediator with Zuckerman Dispute Resolution LLC. Since turning to mediation full-time in 2021, Michael has mediated more than 300 matters. Michael, a graduate of Cornell University and Cornell Law School, is a four-time federal law clerk, a former lawyer at the global law firm Jones Day, and a former law professor at Northwestern University. Michael is the treasurer of Association of Attorney-Mediators' Illinois Chapter and sits on the board of Dispute Resolution Institute, Inc., a non-profit dedicated to expanding mediation services in Illinois.

