



**Association of Attorney-Mediators
Presents
“Ethical Dilemmas for Mediators: Part 2”**

February 1, 2024
1:30pm CT
Webinar via Zoom

Please note that the agenda is listed in Central Time (CT).

Join us on February 1, 2024 as we continue the panel discussion on ethical dilemmas from our Annual Meeting in St. Louis. Our All-Star panelists will discuss ethical situations submitted by attendees at the last meeting. You won't want to miss this ethical discussion!

WSMD (What Should a Mediator Do) – Ethical Dilemmas for Mediators “Part 2”

Courtenay Bass, Dallas, TX
Trey Bergman, Houston, TX
Robert W. Berliner Jr., Chicago, IL

Are you ever caught off guard in a mediation by a challenging development or tricky question? Or do you find yourself repeatedly encountering the same pesky issue? In this interactive roundtable discussion, you will get an opportunity to hear how our panel of seasoned mediators deals with various thorny situations.

(1.50 hours, including ethics)

Agenda

1:30 – 1:35pm	Welcome and Introduction
1:35 – 3:05pm	Panel Discussion and Presentation
3:05 – 3:15pm	Q&A and Closing Remarks



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Panelists Bios



Courtenay Bass (Dallas, TX) is a full-time mediator and a charter member of AAM. She has conducted more than 5000 mediations. Courtenay was the 2004 recipient of AAM's Brutsché Award. She has been on the faculty of many mediator training programs in the U.S. and in New Zealand and Buenos Aires, Argentina, including the ABA Institute on Jury Persuasion, the faculty of the Texas College for Advanced Judicial Studies (Mediation Program for Judiciary), and various Dallas Bar Association and National Institute of Trial Advocacy mediation and ADR training programs. Courtenay also taught mediation with both the American Academy of Attorney Mediators and the Attorney Mediators Institute. She has been honored multiple times as a Texas Lawyer Super Lawyer, as well as by D Magazine and Best Lawyers in America and multiple other organizations. She is a full-time mediator with Gilbert Mediation Group in Dallas, TX.

Trey Bergman (Houston, TX.) has mediated and arbitrated more than \$100 Billion in international and domestic disputes since 1990 with emphasis on complex multi-party commercial and energy cases. Trey is past national president of the Association of Attorney Mediators and Steve Brutsche' Award recipient. Trey is Board Certified in civil trial law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, past Chair of the Texas Bar ADR Section, and past Chair of the Texas Bar MCLE Committee. Trey is a Fellow and Executive Committee member of the College of Commercial Arbitrators. Trey is a Fellow and accredited Tutor of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and past Board Member of the North American Branch. Trey is a former adjunct professor at Pepperdine School of Law and South Texas College of Law Houston teaching classes in mediation and negotiation and coaching numerous national and international student competitions. Trey has conducted hundreds of in-person mediation and arbitration trainings and presentations in more than six countries, 16 states and 36 cities and scores of Texas Bar CLE webcasts. Trey is also a former cheerleader at the University of Florida, licensed sailplane pilot, licensed skydiver, certified cave diver, rock climber, sailor, competitive open water swimmer, record holding competitive pie eating champion, avid snow skier, golfer, and Texas Super Lawyer for more than 20 consecutive years. <https://www.BergmanADRgroup.com>



Robert W. Berliner, Jr. (Chicago, IL) is a practicing mediator, arbitrator and attorney and is often retained as an expert witness in real estate, legal malpractice and other matters. He has also been a principal in many real estate and other business ventures. He is a former member of the Board of Directors of the Association of Attorney-Mediators and former President of the Illinois Chapter of AAM, of which he was also a co-founder. Mr. Berliner founded and leads a program sponsored by that Chapter that provides pro bono mediation services to the Small Claims and Eviction Court in Will County, Illinois, which has grown from one to over 15 participating mediators since 2010. Mr. Berliner frequently presents continuing legal education and other educational programs on mediation, legal and real estate subjects, and has been an adjunct professor at Stuart Graduate School of Business, Illinois Institute of Technology, where he taught real estate investment. Mr. Berliner began his career with a small Chicago law firm and, after 10 years with that firm, founded his own

firm. Thereafter, he became a senior officer and general counsel of Jupiter Industries, Inc., and a partner and general counsel of Jupiter Realty Corporation. Jupiter Industries, Inc., was a diversified conglomerate with revenues of over \$1 billion and interests in construction and engineering, transportation, retailing, insurance, manufacturing and real estate, and Jupiter Realty Corporation was a real estate company with interests in office buildings, shopping centers, apartment buildings and hotels all over the country. Mr. Berliner received an A.B. degree from Harvard College and a J.D. from Harvard Law School. He also served as a Lieutenant in the United States Navy, where he was Supply Officer on a nuclear-powered Polaris missile submarine. He has been named an Illinois Super Lawyer (Alternative Dispute Resolution) 2013-2023 and received the 2018-2019 John C. McAndrews Award for Pro Bono Service from the Illinois State Bar Association.