

At the Crossroads of Mediation and Domestic Violence

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Dan serves as Co-Counsel to the Board of Governors of the New York State Attorney-Client Fee Dispute Resolution Program and Counsel to the Technology and Case Management Subcommittee of the New York State Judicial Advisory Council. Dan is a past Chair of the New York City Bar Association ADR Committee. He also served as Co-Chair of the Court ADR Committee of the ABA Dispute Resolution Section and as a member of the New York City Bar Association, Domestic Violence Committee. Dan served on the Unified Court System's Matrimonial Commission for which he Co-Chaired the Subcommittee on The Use of Experts, the New York County Lawyers' Association Family Law Task Force, and currently serves on the NYC Family Court Advisory Council and the New York City Bar Association, Science and Law Committee.

Dan has over sixteen years of experience as a court administrator and twenty five years of experience in the field of ADR, serving as an administrator, professor, trainer and practitioner. He is an Adjunct Clinical Professor of Mediation at Cardozo School of Law, an Adjunct Professor of Clinical Law at NYU School of Law and has taught ADR and conflict resolution related courses at Vermont Law School, Hamline University School of Law, John Jay College of Criminal Justice and Long Island University. Dan is an international ADR speaker having presented across the United States and beyond including Japan, China, Thailand and South Africa. He has also served as mediator in a wide range of matters including, general civil, family, employment, human rights, community, and police conduct cases.

Dan received his law degree from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, where he participated in the Mediation Clinic and was a Teaching Assistant in Legal Negotiation. He has worked at JAMS, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (The Civil Appeals Management Plan), and served as an original member of FutureLinks Inc., working in South Africa with youth leaders from all backgrounds to conduct workshops in non-violent social change, conflict resolution, and community development.

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