

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION
LAWS 4060
SPRING 2021
TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS, 7:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.
PROFESSOR WESLEY PARKS

January 6, 2021

Dear Students:

Welcome to “Alternative” or “Appropriate” Dispute Resolution. I hope you enjoyed your winter break. If you have not already purchased the required text, please do so now. The required text follows:

Dispute Resolution: Beyond the Adversarial Model
Carrie J. Menkel-Meadow
Lela Porter-Love
Andrea Kupfer-Schneider
Jean R. Sternlight
Publisher – Aspen; 3rd Edition (2019)
ISBN-13: 978-1454852025, ISBN-10: 145485202X

This semester, we will survey the fundamentals of “alternative” or “appropriate” dispute resolution theory and practice in the U.S. and abroad. We will analyze and compare a range of dispute resolution processes, including but not limited to, litigation, negotiation, mediation, arbitration, dialogue and meeting facilitation, victim-offender dialogues, circles, ombuds, public dispute systems, on-line dispute resolution, mini-trials, and other mixed processes. We will also analyze the applications of these processes to specific types of disputes, to provide you with skills to make appropriate process choices in your professional role as counselor.

This class will be different from other law school classes you have taken thus far, in that approximately half of the class time is devoted to roleplays and exercises that will give you practical experience in these various dispute resolution processes. As such, it is imperative for you to complete assignments and simulation preparations before class. The time devoted to lecture is limited; however, you are still responsible for reading and understanding the material, even if it is not covered in class. You should come to class with questions on the readings, if you are unclear about a concept or theory. This will make our use of lecture time more efficient. You should also come to class fully prepared to roleplay if a simulation is scheduled on that day.

Our first meeting is scheduled on Thursday, January 14, 2021, commencing at 7:30 p.m. Your first assignment follows. Please complete the assignment before class. I will post the class syllabus on CANVAS, and we will review it together in class on the first day.

I look forward to meeting you all.

Sincerely,

Professor Parks

Class	Topics and Assignments
Class 1: January 14	<p data-bbox="542 296 1336 365"><i>Introduction to Dispute Resolution and Understanding your Personal Conflict Style</i></p> <ul data-bbox="594 405 1403 768" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="594 405 1219 436">☐ Read <i>Dispute Resolution</i>, Chapter 1, pp. 3-33<li data-bbox="594 478 1382 548">☐ Read <i>Style Matters™: The Kraybill Conflict Style Inventory</i>, pp.1-23, and take the conflict style assessment,<li data-bbox="594 590 1403 768">☐ Prepare to be interviewed by a classmate, who will introduce you to the class. You will be asked: (1) What is your name and year in law school; (2) Where is your hometown; (3) Why are you taking this class; and (4) What is your Kraybill style of responding to conflict?