

APPROPRIATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) FIELD CLINIC

(8-10 students; fieldwork at host organizations; class on campus)

Semester-long clinic

Credits: 4 credits (2 clinical + 2 academic) for the semester

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Mediation, arbitration, community conferencing and peace circles – among others – are all processes that give people alternative means to resolve their disputes other than litigation, hence they all fall under the heading Appropriate or Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). During the course of the semester, students will extern at an organization offering conflict resolution services where they will learn about unique forms of ADR by conducting research, working with clients, observing live sessions, administering services and getting valuable exposure to the field.

In the co-requisite seminar, students will obtain a greater understanding of ADR generally and become versed in the myriad processes that fall under the ADR umbrella. Students will learn that these processes are more than just alternatives to litigation – rather, they are all viable options for people when deciding how to respond to conflict. We will spend time considering the spectrum of conflict resolution processes in terms of how each one would serve (or disserve) a person in a given situation. Thus, we will use the more up-to-date interpretation of ADR: Appropriate Dispute Resolution.

This is a list of ADR organizations where students may be placed during the Spring semester:

- American Arbitration Association
- CPR – International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution
- Civilian Complaint Review Board
- Equal Employment Opportunity Commission — ADR Unit and Adjudication
- FINRA
- JAMS
- New York Legal Assistance Group — The Divorce Mediation Project
- New York Peace Institute
- Red Hook Community Justice Center – Center for Court Innovation
- Unified Court System — ADR Office
- US Court for the Eastern District — ADR Program
- US Court for the Southern District — ADR Program