

## Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law Certificate in Dispute Resolution

Students who wish to obtain a Certificate in Dispute Resolution must complete the following:

A) Obtain **fifteen (15) credits** in courses that satisfy four of the five dispute resolution **Competency Requirements**:

- 1) Negotiation
- 2) Mediation
- 3) Arbitration
- 4) Dispute Resolution Processes
- 5) Interviewing and Counseling

Up to three (3) of the fifteen (15) credits may be obtained from approved litigation courses.

- B) Meet the **Experiential Requirement** of sixty (60) hours of work in a dispute resolution related clinic or externship. Dispute resolution clinics include the ADR Field Clinic, the Divorce Mediation Clinic, the Mediation Clinic, and the Securities Arbitration Clinic.
- C) Satisfy the **Writing Requirement** through completion of a minimum twenty (20) page paper on a subject related to conflict resolution. Certificate applicants should seek advanced approval of their writing project from the Director or Associate Director of the Kukin Program for Conflict Resolution to ensure that it meets the criteria for the Certificate.

Below is a list of courses that meet the five competencies, as well as the approved litigation courses that qualify for up to three (3) credits. Occasionally, courses not on this list (including study abroad courses) may be counted towards the certificate, but only with permission of the Director and Associate Director of the Kukin Program for Conflict Resolution.

***Students must always check the registration materials for each semester to confirm that a particular course is being offered.***

### NEGOTIATION COMPETENCY

Collaborative Family Law	1.0 Credits
Negotiation Theory and Skills	2.0/3.0 Credits

### MEDIATION COMPETENCY

Advanced Mediation Clinic Practicum	2.0 Credits
Divorce Mediation	2.0/3.0 Credits
Divorce Mediation Clinic	3.0 Credits
Introduction to Mediation	2.0 Credits
Mediation Clinic	4.0 Credits*
Representation in Mediation (IMAP)	2.0 Credits

\*Each semester of the Mediation Clinic may count towards Negotiation, Mediation, Interviewing and Counseling, or Dispute Resolution Processes.

### ARBITRATION COMPETENCY

Arbitration Law: Theory and Practice	2.0 Credits
International Commercial Arbitration	2.0 Credits
Representation in Arbitration	1.0 Credits
Securities Arbitration Clinic	8.0 Credits

### DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESSES COMPETENCY

ADR Field Clinic	4.0 Credits*
ADR Moot Camp	1.0 Credits
Cardozo Journal of Conflict Resolution (CJCR) Board	2.0 Credits
Cardozo Journal of Conflict Resolution (CJCR) Staff	1.0 Credits
Dispute Resolution Processes	2.0 Credits/3.0 Credits
Innovations in Justice	2.0 Credits
Introduction to ADR in NYC	1.0 Credits

\*Depending on placement, the ADR Field Clinic may count toward the Arbitration, Negotiation, Mediation, Interviewing and Counseling, or Dispute Resolution Processes competencies with approval from the Director and Associate Director of the Kukin Program.

### ADR HONOR COMPETITION SOCIETY

ADR Competition Honor Society	1.0 Credits*
ADR Competition Honor Society Board	2.0 Credits*

\*Depending upon competition participation, the ADR Competition Honor Society may count toward competencies in Arbitration, Negotiation, Mediation, or Dispute Resolution Processes, with approval from the Director and Associate Director of the Kukin Program.

### ADR WRITING SEMINAR, INDEPENDENT RESEARCH, AND EXTERNSHIPS

Students who wish to do an independent research project or externship for credit towards the Certificate must seek advanced approval from the Director or Associate Director of the Kukin Program.

ADR Writing Seminar	2.0 Credits *
Independent Research/Externship	1.0/2.0 Credits*

Depending upon the subject matter, the writing, research, or externship may count toward competencies in Arbitration, Negotiation, Mediation, or Dispute Resolution Processes, with approval from the Director and Associate Director of the Kukin Program.

### INTERVIEWING & COUNSELING COMPETENCY\*

Interviewing and Counseling	2.0 Credits
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\*Up to (1) credit for each semester of the following clinics may satisfy the Interviewing and Counseling competency requirement: Bet Tzedek Clinic, Civil Rights Clinic, Criminal Defense Clinic, Immigration Justice Clinic, Tech Startup Clinic, Indie Film Clinic.

### APPROVED LITIGATION COURSES

Up to three (3) of the fifteen (15) credits may be obtained from litigation courses.

Ethics in Litigation	2.0 Credits
Intensive Trial Advocacy Program (ITAP)	3.0 Credits
Pretrial Practice	3.0 Credits
Advanced Trial Advocacy	2.0 Credits
Intro to Trial Advocacy	2.0 Credits