Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law

Certificate in Dispute Resolution

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

1. 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.

1. 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.
2. 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 in the Workplace 2.0 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 Process 2.0 Credits/3.0 Credits

Innovations in Justice 2.0 Credits

Introduction to ADR in NYC 1.0 Credits

International Peacemaking: Israel 2.0 Credits

The Law of Settlement 2.0 Credits

Divorce Process 2.0 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

\*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, Divorce Mediation Clinic, Immigration Justice Clinic, Mediation Clinic, Securities Arbitration 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