2011 International Advocate for Peace: John Marks

John Marks wrote and produced The Shape of the Future, a documentary TV series that explores what an eventual Palestinian-Israeli peace settlement might look like.

On May 3, 2012, the Cardozo Journal of Conflict Resolution (CJCR) will present Mr. John Marks with the 12th Annual International Advocate for Peace (IAP) Award.

In his role as President and Founder of Search For Common Ground (SFCG), Marks has used journalism to promote conflict resolution and prevention on an international scale. Through SFCG and Common Ground News Service, Marks has spent over thirty years training organizers and reporters in conflict and post-conflict areas, using inter-ethnic reporting teams and framing questions to find areas of consensus. Through these efforts, SFCG has transformed the way global conflict is perceived and addressed, combining grassroots community engagement with political and institutional advocacy. This creative formula has fostered meaningful and constructive dialogues around the globe. In addition, the News Service has exposed many areas where more work needs to be done to foster mutual understanding.

Since 2000, CJCR has given the Advocate for Peace Award annually to an individual who has advocated for peace on an international scale and has been an exemplar in the field of conflict resolution. Mr. Marks joins a distinguished line of past IAP recipients that includes Ambassador Richard C. Holbrooke, President William Jefferson Clinton, Senator George Mitchell and Seeds of Peace, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Eve Ensler, Betty Kaari Murungi, Ambassador Dennis Ross, Professor Jeffrey Sachs, General Amira Dotan, Ambassador Stuart E. Eizenstat, and, most recently, Dr. Abigail Disney.

For more information on the event and Mr. Marks' work, see CJCR IAP 2012 and/or visit Search For The Common Ground.
Lessons Learned on the 10th Anniversary of 9/11

Kenneth Feinberg and Judge Weinstein (seated) reflect on the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund.

For the 10th anniversary of the September 11th attacks, Cardozo and the National Center for Access to Justice presented The Lessons of 9/11 for Mass Torts: A Conference on the Victim Compensation Fund. The September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (VCF) was the mechanism by which the U.S. Government provided financial relief to those who were injured or lost loved ones in the attacks. The event featured: a key note address by Special Master of the VCF, Ken Feinberg; a panel discussion with a diverse group of experts drawn from the federal judiciary, legal practice, academia and the media, moderated by Professors Myriam Gilles and Anthony Sebok; and the showing of Out of the Ashes: 9/11, a documentary examining the Victim Compensation Fund.

As Dean Matthew Diller noted in his opening remarks, the VCF, which he called a “remarkable legal structure,” could be thought of as "a device designed to keep our airlines in business and the planes flying and to protect a series of potential tort defendants" or, in a loftier sense, "as an expression of our nation's compassion and empathy for the victims of 9/11 and our public attempt to help them in every way that we can." Indeed, these were the two principal, defining purposes behind the fund, the former as Congress's initial incentive to create it, and the latter as the animating national zeitgeist that helped drive its ultimate success. In his keynote address, Mr. Feinberg illuminated the reasons for the VCF's genesis, its success, and its value as a model for future funds:

- **The Genesis of the VCF:** Only days following the attacks, Congress drafted a law to discourage lawsuits against the airlines, to help them avoid bankruptcy, and to provide financial incentives and subsidization for the industry. Just before passing the law, Congress added the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund. “The law simply said that anybody who lost a loved one on 9/11, or was physically injured as a result of the attacks, could
voluntarily choose to opt out of the tort system and . . . take taxpayer-funded money in lieu” of pursuing a tort claim, Feinberg explained. The legislation provided that the Attorney General would appoint an individual as special master to devise regulations for the fund, oversee its administration, and ultimately decide what each claimant should get and why. In return, fund recipients would sign a release “promising not to sue the airlines, the World Trade Center, the Port Authority or Boeing or anybody else.” Congress’s initial directive provided a structure-less broad-stroke mandate and did not address how the fund administrators would determine compensation eligibility or what the process for application and evaluation would be. Rather, the sole source of guidance was language in the statute providing that the administrators account for the existing tort system in its calculation of damages. “All else was left to be resolved by the special master,” said Feinberg.

**Support for the VCF:** Feinberg attributed part of the fund’s structure and success to the support and counsel of Judge Weinstein, of the Southern District of New York, who had considerable experience presiding over mass tort claims. Judge Weinstein advised Feinberg to “democratize” the process of setting up the fund, by including affected families in the conversation about devising a fair method for determining eligibility and calculating damages. “I learned from Judge Weinstein that it would be very, very important to reach out proactively and make sure we g[a]ve everyone an opportunity to be heard, that we give everyone an opportunity to express their opinion, to give everybody an opportunity to vent about life’s unfairness,” said Feinberg. Ultimately, the generosity and patriotism of the American people and the support of the trial bar, many of whose members generously offered their services gratis or at a reduced rate to victims and families, fostered a very supportive atmosphere for the fund administrators and the people they served. It was an environment that, arguably, transformed the VCF into an unprecedented lesson in the benefits of alternative dispute resolution.

**The Success of the VCF:** In the first few months following the VCF’s creation, Feinberg and his administrative team promulgated interim regulations and invited feedback from anyone concerned; they received 2,800 responses. In drafting the final regulations, the VCF team took the feedback into account. Once the program regulations were finalized and the process of case review was underway, every claimant had the opportunity for a private individual hearing. “Do not underestimate the importance of those hearings . . . they were critical to the success of the fund,” said Feinberg. “People didn’t come to talk about money, they came to vent about the curveball that had been thrown [at] them,” he said. Claimants played wedding videos, brought in medals, diplomas, certificates of good conduct, ribbons, and other items significant to the memory of a loved one. “My office filled with memorabilia from people who wanted to come and see me just to talk about a lost loved one, to validate the memory of a lost loved one,” said Feinberg. “The
importance of outreach to the collective eligibles and the opportunity to be heard [was] a tremendous reason for success,” he said. Despite its vague beginnings, the VCF evolved into a reliable, democratized system that processed 7,300 claims in 33 months, and paid out about $7 billion to 9/11 victims.
Glen Parker engages a lone protestor near City Hall on 9/11/11.

Glen Parker (‘10), a Fellow of Cardozo’s Kukin Program for Conflict Resolution, led an initiative on the 10th anniversary of 9/11 to stimulate dialogue among those who gathered at Ground Zero. He and other facilitators, wearing buttons that said “Let’s Talk,” met at Ground Zero on September 11, 2011, to speak with people about 9/11 and how it impacted their lives. The group, which included Rusa Fischer, Alan Gross and Patti Murphy, mediators from the New York Peace Institute, and Linda Dardis, a labor/employment mediator, engaged demonstrators, onlookers, and others who, although possessing unique reasons for coming downtown that day, all shared a similar need: to express their continued sense of conflict with the events that unfolded ten years prior.

"I decided to do this as an alternative to sitting at home, re-watching the horrific video clips and sad sound bites from 9/11," said mediator Linda Dardis. "I wanted to do something positive with the day and contribute in some way." Like Linda, the other members of the group wearing “Let’s Talk” buttons wanted to go beyond the slogans and rhetoric to give people a chance to talk about what 9/11 meant to them personally.

“As mediators, we are especially aware that having a real opportunity to be heard can be a healing experience in itself,” reflected Parker, who had led a similar initiative the previous year.

In 2010, a similar group of facilitators visited Ground Zero to offer their listening skills to the demonstrators for and against the development of a mosque near Ground Zero. Park51, a nearby Muslim center, which was initiating the building of a new mosque, faced vehement protests from those who believed it was inappropriate to situate the mosque so near the scene of the World Trade Center tragedy. The facilitators in 2010 listened to and helped create dialogue among those passionate about the controversy.
In 2011, however, the crowds seemed less interested in demonstrating than in commemorating the day, which signaled the 10th anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the opening of the 9/11 memorial. Nevertheless, one constant was decidedly present: every person had a different opinion about the significance of 9/11 and a different tale to tell about how it impacted them.

A police officer from Sydney, Australia said she felt compelled to come and pay her respects to the fallen officers who lost their lives that day. She felt it was well worth the distance she had to travel to do so.

Marcus, who had journeyed alone from London, described his disbelief and sadness upon first learning of the attacks in 2001, noting that although he had not spent much time in New York City before the event, it struck a deep chord in him and he felt a solidarity with New Yorkers. He said he couldn't imagine being anywhere else on the 10th anniversary.

After ten years, facilitators found that those who came to Ground Zero were still unsettled, still prone to powerfully conflicting feelings of both confusion and conviction. For the group, listening to the people gathered at Ground Zero was fascinating and humbling. “We hope that our presence was helpful to all those who shared themselves with us,” said Parker.

The act of listening for its own sake has potential to affect both the speaker and listener, and this was very much the case that day. As Dardis aptly reflected, “To experience 9/11/11 in this way was truly rewarding.”
The 13th Annual Symposium of the Cardozo Journal of Conflict Resolution

Ashok Panikkar, who sits on the Board of Directors for Mediators Beyond Borders and is the founder and Executive Director of Meta-Culture (South Asia's first relationship and conflict management consulting firm) addresses the Symposium attendees.

On November 8th, 2011, a distinguished group of scholars, program leaders and practitioners participated in a full-day symposium at Cardozo. After Dean Matthew Diller and CJCR Editor-in-Chief Jeff Pruzan welcomed participants to Cardozo, four different panels explored the impact of religion and culture on dispute resolution, punctuated by a lunch-time keynote address by Ashok Panikkar (Meta-Culture Consulting), who reflected on mediating religious conflicts in India.

The morning’s first panel, Unique Cultural Perspectives in Family Matters, was moderated by Alphonso David, from the NYS Governor’s Office. Professor Sukhsimranjit Singh (Willamette) discussed views of marriage and divorce from Sikh and Hindu traditions and how these orientations impacted marital disputes in the United States. Professor Pat Chew (Pittsburgh) looked at views of death and inheritance from an Asian American perspective and demonstrated the impact of these unique cultural perspectives on related disputes and conflict resolution.

Professor Lela Love moderated the second panel, which asked: What’s Identify and Faith Got to Do With It? Professor Jonathan Cohen (Florida Levin College of Law) explored the inner psychological and spiritual challenges raised by the visible external conflicts we see. Among these challenges, Cohen noted: trauma arising from the past, uncertainty about the future, challenges from facing unpleasant aspects of reality and ourselves, ethical questions ("should I forgive?") and existential questions ("why me?"). He addressed the role of lawyers in assisting clients through critical transitions, recommending that professionals keep the potential depth of inner trials in mind when counseling clients. Peter Phillips (Business Conflict Management) cast a critical eye on limitations of interest-based perspectives, and examined the important role of
spirituality, concepts of honor and social balance in disputing. His examples included the Sulha in Arabic culture and Hawai'in Ho'oponopono, where concerns beyond self-interest drive the bargaining process. In contrast with standard practice in America, these models use a non-neutral third party, they focus on the greater community body, emphasize healing as opposed to winning, and the disputants and the third party share cultural and spiritual values.

After lunch, Professor Leslie Salzman moderated a panel on Strategies for International Mediators, Facilitators and Trainers Working with Diverse Cultural and Religious Groups. Professor Andrea Kupfer Schneider (Marquette) provided an account of experiences in Israel exploring peace-building initiatives around cultural and religious conflicts. Brad Heckman (CEO of the New York Peace Institute) gave a colorful, cartoon-illustrated presentation in which he described a multi-party process for resolving disputes across cultures and religions with examples from around the world. Alan Gross (Mediators Beyond Borders) described challenges and strategies of international trainers and conflict interveners who venture into new cultures. Among the strategies he highlighted were: using local partners and “informants” and providing things—like certificates—which are highly valued. Ashok Panikkar closed this panel, focusing on mediators poised between minority rights and majority fears. He pointed out that not all diversity initiatives are constructive.

In the final panel, moderated by Professor Robert Collins, panelists examined Business Conflicts In and Across Different Cultures and Religions. Kathy Bryan (CEO of CPR) addressed cultural and religious influences in international business transactions. Terrence Oved (Oved & Oved) looked at the impact of religion on attorney conduct in business transactions in Orthodox and Sephardic communities. Professor Phyllis Bernard (Oklahoma City) explored the integration of Islamic cultural values into global business transactions.

This full day was followed by a reception. Look for soon-to-be-released, Volume 13.2, the symposium edition of CJCR at http://www.cojcr.org/issues.html!

Both this year's event and CJCR's upcoming symposium issue were generously supported by the JAMS Foundation.
New Faculty & Classes

Nancy Dubler, a pioneer in the field of Bioethics, introduced Bioethics Mediation: Shaping Shared Solutions, in the spring semester, which she co-taught with Professor Lela Love.

Adam Berner (’94), who teaches Divorce Mediation at Cardozo, introduced Collaborative Family Law to Cardozo’s course offerings during the January session. The class was structured around the actual stages of the collaborative negotiation process, from initial client consultation and assessment of appropriateness of the process, to the joint meetings and the "end game" of negotiating a collaborative settlement.

Kathy Bryan, President and CEO for the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution (CPR Institute), taught International Dispute Resolution this past fall. “It was a wonderful experience for me,” said Bryan about her first semester at Cardozo. “The support from the school is first rate and the students were terrific.”

This past January, Professors Lela Love and Leslie Salzman led Mediation, Restorative Justice and Conflict Management Initiatives in Israel, a nine-day seminar which explored the numerous conflict resolution initiatives in Israel. Please click here for full article.

Professors Simeon Baum, Giuseppe Di Palo, Joseph Stulberg, and Michael Tsur – the mainstays of negotiation instruction at Cardozo – were joined by three other instructors who contributed to our offerings in Negotiation Theory and Skills, a 2-credit class which is offered in multiple sections each year: Susan Coleman, Partner at C Global Consulting and a professional trainer and coach in negotiation, Donny Ebenstein, Partner and Director of Training & Development at Consensus and author of Now I Get It: How to Repair Communication Breakdowns, Negotiate for Advantage and Build Consensus…in 3 Simple Steps, and Steven Yadegari (’98), Executive Vice President and General Counsel of Cramer Rosenthal McGlynn, LLC and Immediate Past President of the Association for Conflict Resolution of Greater New York, who is a graduate of the Mediation Clinic.
Rebecca Freedman and Ben Thompson, graduates of the Mediation Clinic at Cardozo and successful contenders during their law school years at various national and international ADR competitions, teamed up this past school year to lead the Negotiation Strategy/ADR Competition Team in its first year. The year-long course prepares students to represent Cardozo in ADR competitions around the U.S. and in Europe. Highlights in the course’s first year included:

The St. John's Third Annual Securities Dispute Resolution Triathlon (October 15-16, 2011) -- three Cardozo students attended a two-day competition, which is a joint initiative of the Hugh L. Carey Center for Dispute Resolution and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA).

The Jeffry S. Abrams National Mediator Competition (November 10-12, 2011) – For the first time, Cardozo sent two students to the competition at the University of Houston Law Center. Judged on his effectiveness as a mediator, Lancelot Esteibar was one of four semi-finalists.

Rachel Teitelbaum (Left) and Sarah Nadeau (Right), compete at the ABA Regional Negotiation Competition at Albany Law School
Cardozo's ADR Seminars Abroad

In June 2011, Cardozo, together with both the Dispute Resolution Institute of Hamline University School of Law and Central European University (CEU), offered the 10th running of its two-week, three-credit program at CEU in Budapest, Hungary: Mediation and Other Methods to Foster Democratic Dialogue. 35 students from 15 countries, which included Armenia, Ethiopia, Germany, Ghana, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Macedonia, the Netherlands, Pakistan, the Philippines, Russia, Senegal, Spain, Uzbekistan, and the United States participated.

Over the 2012 winter break, twelve Cardozo students traveled to Israel with Professors Lela Love and Leslie Salzman and Dean Amy Sugin for a nine-day seminar on the country's range of mediation, restorative justice and conflict management efforts. Participants explored different kinds of conflicts that are relevant to Israel's people -- from conflicts between Arabs and Jews...
and between the religious right and secular Jews, to marital disputes -- and the ways in which
mediators, academics, lawyers and citizens are living, managing, and working to ameliorate
those conflicts. Students also examined the development and current role of mediation in the
Israeli judicial system in a range of substantive areas, as well as the use of traditional and
innovative methods of dispute resolution to address conflicts specific to the lives of individuals
living in Israel.

For an introduction to the Israeli legal system, the students visited Israel's Parliament (Knesset)
and the Israeli Supreme Court. At the Knesset, Professor Love had the honor of making a
presentation to the legal department, and at the Supreme Court, Supreme Court Justice Edna
Arbel addressed the Cardozo group. At both venues a variety of influential people -- academics,
judges, mediators and mediation trainers -- shared their wisdom on a wide range of topics,
including the development of Israeli constitutional doctrine, the use of mediation within the
Israeli judicial system, and the shared jurisdiction of the civil and religious courts in marital
matters.

The students also visited a number of communities and programs that utilize a range of
traditional and innovative conflict resolution models to bridge deeply felt conflicts. One
highlight included a visit to Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salaam, self-described as "a village jointly
established by Jewish and Palestinian Arab citizens of Israel that is engaged in educational work
for peace, equality and understanding between the two peoples." The two-hour visit, led by a
village resident, underscored the complexity of the Arab-Jewish conflict as it manifests itself in
the everyday lives of residents who deliberately chose to live together in a small, mixed
community and where they are required to negotiate their conflicts as neighbors and, often, as
friends.

The group also gained insight into other conflict resolution efforts, including: those in practice at
a conflict mediation center in the culturally diverse city of Ramla; Sulha, a traditional Middle
Eastern dispute management and resolution process existing in Arab communities throughout
Israel; and more traditional court-based mediation programs, as explained by Judge Michal
Rubenstein, who chairs the committee to promote mediation proceedings in Israeli courts.
Although these varied efforts feature distinct characteristics, they all share a common goal. As
one student noted, "The Hebrew word for mediator, "gesher" (bridge), will remind me that a
mediator should not lead the clients but be a sturdy structure on which they can safely walk
towards each other."

Throughout the program, Cardozo's hosts were superb. Judges, academics, lawyers and
mediators warmly welcomed the group and generously provided multiple lunches and dinners.
Amira Dotan, one of Cardozo's illustrious International Advocates for Peace, organized three
days of the program. In one particularly festive evening in Jerusalem, 20 Cardozo alumni from
throughout Israel and many long-time Cardozo friends and supporters joined the program
participants for a reception at the home of Cardozo Professor Suzanne Stone.
While a short visit to Israel can only scratch the surface of understanding its various conflicts and the way its people co-exist with and navigate them, this Cardozo Seminar Abroad was intellectually, culturally and personally enriching for the participants. One student aptly summarized the impact of his experience: "I've been to Israel several times, but this is the first time that I have been able to meet people who, in many ways, help run the country. In that respect, this has been an incredibly eye-opening and engaging experience that has changed the way I see and think about Israeli society."
Alumni Spotlight

Russell Brunson ('98)

Congratulations to Russell Brunson! Russell, who is currently the Director of Operations and Finance for the Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center (PCRC) in San Mateo, CA, was recently awarded the Association for Dispute Resolution of Northern California (ADRNC) 2012 Gil Lopez Award. The ADRNC annually bestows the honor on persons of color for outstanding contributions to the field of conflict resolution. Russell was recognized for his role as a community leader committed to diversity that has supported and built cross-cultural alliances and developed creative means of conflict intervention.

Upon accepting the award, Russell said: "I am very honored to receive this award and to be connected with the legacy of a great community leader. I am especially grateful to everyone who invited me to provide services to them. It is truly amazing to see how youth are able to positively impact their community by practicing dispute resolution skills."

Since receiving his mediation training at Cardozo, Russell has worked tirelessly to train youth, parents, educators and youth development specialists throughout the United States in mediation and conflict resolution techniques. Highlights of his contributions include: the development of art-based conflict resolution training for arts-based organizations, which he achieved in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; co-authoring The Art in Peacemaking, a conflict resolution resource for arts educators; helping to create Emmy award-winning Take A Stand: Stop the Violence, which teaches negotiation skills to teens and adults; and helping to develop Out on a Limb: A guide to getting along, an interactive website created in partnership with the University of Illinois Extension Program that teaches conflict resolution techniques to young children and elementary school teachers.

Pamela Zivari ('96)
Pamela Zivari, a 2009-10 Fellow with the Kukin Program for Conflict Resolution, currently runs the Law and Mediation Office of Pamela Zivari in Hackensack, New Jersey. Pamela's practice, in operation since June 2010, focuses on family mediation and collaborative law, particularly aiding families that are contemplating divorce and providing crisis management to couples as they determine whether to rebuild or dissolve their relationship.

In 2011, Pamela authored an opinion column in the Montclair Patch (the Montclair, NJ edition of a burgeoning community-specific news and information platform) entitled Marriage Emergency Room. For the column, Pamela elicited brief synopses of marital challenges from readers and responded with marriage "triage treatment" in a series of seven articles.

Prior to opening her own practice, Pamela spent two years as the Program Director at Network for Peace Through Dialogue, an NYC-based non-profit organization founded in 1985 that is dedicated to promoting peace and just action, and to connecting different communities and societies by "analyzing, facilitating, and fostering dialogue, identifying solutions and sharing information."
Students in Action

CDRS IN ACTION

The Cardozo Dispute Resolution Society (CDRS) has seen an active 2011-12 year under the leadership of co-presidents Bryan Banon and Romina Canessa. CDRS partnered with the New York Peace Institute in hosting a film series, which presented movies that highlight noteworthy topics in the practice of conflict resolution. Selected films included: Pray The Devil Back To Hell, the story of a small band of Liberian women who came together in the midst of a bloody civil war, took on violent warlords and a corrupt regime, and won long-awaited peace for their shattered country in 2003; and Twelve Angry Men, the 1957 Sidney Lumet film which depicts the remarkable negotiation techniques of Henry Fonda’s Juror #8 as he sways 11 other jurors, who have been tasked with deliberating on the guilt of a teenager accused of murder, to consider that there may be a reasonable doubt about the guilt the defendant’s guilt.

The CDRS also organized a number of panel events relevant to students interested in an ADR career path and to New York professionals in the ADR field. Events included: A Discussion with Bioethics Mediators, featuring Professors Nancy Dubler and Carol Liebman, who have taught and published extensively in this field and who shared some of their experiences and offered advice for future bioethics mediators; The 3 As of Commercial Arbitration, followed by The 3 As of Labor & Employment Arbitration, two events highlighting the three distinct roles at play in arbitration: the Advocate, the Arbitrator and the Administrator. Professionals representing these three perspectives gave their unique accounts of best practices in the field.

Bet-the-Company Litigation, a panel discussion on the roles of mediation and insurance in resolving complex commercial disputes.

Bet-the-Company Litigation was chaired by Jed Melnick (’99) (standing) and also included Joshua Schwartz (’99) (center).

THE ANNUAL WILLEM C. VIS INTERNATIONAL
COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION MOOT

Members of Cardozo’s Vis Arbitral Moot Teams recently competed in Vienna (Vis Moot West) and Hong Kong (Vis Moot East), reporting that the experience has been a highlight of their law school experiences.

Representing Cardozo at the Vis Arbitral Moot.

The HK Team after the first round of Competition at the Hong Kong Productivity Council. From Left to Right: Gintare Mockute (LL.M.), Bryan Branon (2L), Inna Yelyashkevych (3L) and Danielle Carter (3L).
Congratulations and Honors

2011 International Academy of Mediators Lifetime Achievement Award

Professor Lela Love

2011 Recipients of the Certificate in Conflict Resolution

Halley Anolik
Emily Felderman
Arthur Mark Irlando
Laura Maletta

2011 Recipients of the LLM in Dispute Resolution and Advocacy

Rena G. Donin Schlussel
David Jimenez-Katsman
Dadriana A. Lepore
Gertrude Onuoha
Glen Parker
Nina Melgaard Ringsted
Lorea Sanz

Recognition for Excellence in Writing


Ezra Zonana for *Getting Well Soon: A Proposal for Improving Medical Malpractice Mediation*. Accepted for publication in the American Journal of Mediation (forthcoming).

Emily Bennett & Samuel Permutt, each received Honorable Mention in the 2011 James Boskey ADR Writing Competition sponsored by the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution for their Mediation Clinic papers: *The Innovation of Collaboration: When Win-Win Wins* (Emily Bennett) and *The Honor Killing Problem in Arab-Israel Communities: The Case for the Sulha* (Sam
NOW IN STORES: Stories Mediator Tell

Lela P. Love, partnering with co-editor Eric R. Galton recently published *Stories Mediators Tell*, a collection of vivid and sometimes inspirational stories written by experts in the field who want others to experience the art and value of mediation. After its introduction in early April, the book is already going into its second printing. You can download the Table of Contents, Introduction, and Chapter 1 for free at [ABA Best Sellers](http://aba.org).

The Kukin Program for Conflict Resolution is proud to be ranked 7th in the nation and 1st among New York State Law Schools for Dispute Resolution by [U.S. News & World Report](http://usnews.com) (2012). The Program has now been ranked among the Top 10 in the nation for the past 12 years.