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Biography

Sheila Purcell is the Director and Clinical Professor of the Center for Negotiation and Dispute Resolution. For 16 years she designed and directed a public/private dispute resolution partnership of the San Mateo Superior Court, bar and community with civil, small claims, family, probate, complex litigation and juvenile court ADR programs and staff. She also oversaw the courts' Jury Division and Self Help Center. In the early 1990's she worked throughout California as the State Bar's ADR Program Developer, received a Coro Fellowship in Public Affairs and mediated for the S.F. Mayor's Office. She received an ABA award for organizing the first-ever national Court ADR conference. Publications include A Bench Guide to ADR along with numerous articles. She has consulted and presented nationally and in Bosnia, China, Hong Kong, Italy, India, the Netherlands, Singapore and Slovenia. She received a California Dispute Resolution Council Founder's Award and special recognition from California's Supreme Court Chief Justice. Her court's ADR program was a recipient of the "Kleps" Award for Innovation. She helped launch and is one of the lead faculty for CNDR's groundbreaking Court ADR Systems Design Institute for international judges and lawyers. She oversees the Center where each year approximately 500 students engage in a dispute resolution course and master skills through the Mediation Clinic, the Externship Program and the award winning Mediation and Negotiation Team. In 2012 US News and World Report CNDR ranked Hastings in the top ten of ADR programs nationally.

Expertise

Education/Learning, Legal Services

Areas of Expertise

Alternative Dispute Resolution, Alternative Dispute Resolution Policy, Dispute System Design, International Court Alternative Dispute Resolution

Affiliations

American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution, California Dispute Resolution Council, Federal Judicial Center, Resolution Systems Institute

Event Appearances

Keynote Speaker

Discovery Enriched Curriculum in Action: Best Practices for Dispute Resolution Teaching and Learning

Co-Host and Moderator

Online Dispute Resolution 2014

Event Moderator

ADRx: Innovations in Reducing and Resolving Conflict in our Communities

Presenter

The Development of Mediation Practices in India, China and Other Countries

Co-Organizer & Panelist

ABA Asia-Pacific International Mediation Summit

Education**University of California Santa Cruz**

B.A. Social Anthropology and Environmental Studies

University of California Hastings College of the Law

J.D. Law

Accomplishments**Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Mediation**

Awarded by the Mediation Society.

James Dennis Award for Justice in the Community

Awarded by the San Mateo County Bar Association.

ABA Award

Awarded by the American Bar Association for organizing the first-ever national Court ADR conference.

Kleps Award for Innovation

Awarded by California Courts

Special Recognition

Conferred by California Supreme Court Chief Justice Ron George.

Founders Award

Awarded by the Californian Dispute Resolution Council.

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