



Dear Friends:

As we come to the end of another successful year at the Institute for Dispute Resolution (IDR) at New Jersey City University, we want to thank those who have contributed to our success and ask if you will help us once again. IDR is fully funded and operated from donors like you and your contributions make it possible to continue to support our goal to improve utilization of dispute resolution, foster student development of exposure to negotiation and mediation principals, and shape policy in New Jersey to promote business growth.



I am proud to be able to report that in 2016 we sent two business school teams with our international law team partner from the University of Jaen Law School, Jaen Spain to the esteemed ICC International Commercial Mediation Competition and the IBA-VIAC Mediation and Negotiation CDRC Vienna Competition organized with ELSA receiving the **“Best Award for Opening Mediator Statement”**. In June, IDR hosted its first successful two-day conference for the International Mediation Institute (IMI) and New Jersey State Bar ADR Day on international dispute resolution at New Jersey City University School of Business with over 150 participants coming from across the globe.

Currently, before the New Jersey Legislature is the first policy based initiative of the IDR known as “The New Jersey International Arbitration, Mediation and Conciliation Act” addressing implementation of an mediation settlement agreement into an arbitration award in order to have more predictability when seeking enforcement of settlement agreements reached in mediation outside the United States. This legislative innovative and important policy objective is the first step in the IDR mission to promote dispute resolution through shaping increased trade and commerce for our small and middle market companies in our state.

The IDR plans on implementing the launch of its first IMI certification class in late spring 2017 and is preparing academic and other professional certificate programs for our legal and business community while promoting and hosting local CLE events including two upcoming events December 6, 2016 with FINRA speaking on securities mediation and the review of their dispute resolution task force report. In February IDR will host a family business program addressing tax, legal, wealth management and international dispute resolution topics for family owned businesses This Family Business program in part will also be presented at the American Bar Association by members of the IDR in San Francisco in the Spring of next year.



We are also preparing other programs for next year in the field of mediation and real estate, mediation and art law and mediation and finance later in 2017. On the international front, IDR has participated in global initiatives shaping international mediation including sponsorship of the Global Pound Conference Series New York with speaking engagements, participation at the Vienna and New York UNCITRAL Working Group 2 sessions on international model law and treaty discussions for enforcement of mediation settlement agreements, and the formation of the launch of an international trade conference series taking place in 2018 in Budapest, Hungary. This conference aims to forge a relationship between New Jersey and Eastern Europe through the usage of dispute resolution encouraging trade and investment in early stage entrepreneurship and academic scholarship.

IDR needs your support to continue its work at New Jersey City University and asks for your help in promoting a platform that supports the use and expansion of the dispute resolution field through research, policy and practice. We hope that those you became part of our family of supporters this year will consider a new pledge and those that are first time supporters join our family to help grow this important institute in New Jersey.

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