

## WORLD FORUM OF MEDIATION CENTRES

**FRIDAY, MARCH 21 & SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2014**



# HOUSTON, TX

**USA**

**Seminar organised by the UIA Mediation and Conflict Prevention Commission  
with the support of the University of Houston Law Center**



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# Introduction

The first and last words said on the moon, the energy capital of the world, home to NASA and the world's largest medical centre, Houston is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest city in the United States and will be the venue for the 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Forum. Since 1980, Houston has been at the forefront of the modern mediation movement and is home to some of the best and most experienced mediators in the world.

Come and join us as mediators from Texas, the United States and around the world gather together to share and compare their experiences, expertise and stories of mediation and its many facets. Observe Mediation: Texas Style and see why mediation has flourished there. As always, the programme will consider in its unique interactive format the topical issues and best practices relating to mediation from around the globe.

**We are looking forward to welcoming you to Houston!**

Thursday | March 20 2014


## 19:30 WELCOME COCKTAIL

**Hosted by the Houston Chapter of the Association of Attorney-Mediators**

**At Bergman ADR Group**

9 Greenway Plaza, 3130, Houston, TX 77046





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**08:30 – 09:00 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS**

**University of Houston Law Center**  
4800 Calhoun Rd., Houston, TX 77004

**09:00 – 09:30 WELCOME AND OPENING OF THE SEMINAR**

- **E.A. Trey APFFEL, III**, *President-Elect of the State Bar of Texas, League City, TX, USA*
- **Mike PATTERSON**, *President of the Association of Attorney-Mediators, Tyler, TX, USA*
- **Jeffrey S. ABRAMS**, *Attorney-Mediator, Houston, TX, USA*
- **Thierry GARBY**, *Co-President and Founder of the UIA World Forum of Mediation Centres, Honorary Attorney at the Paris Bar, Mediator, Trainer, Paris, France*

**09:30 – 11:00 MEDIATION: THE JUDICIAL PERSPECTIVE HERE AND ABROAD**

This distinguished panel of judges from around the globe will give their perspectives on mediation, including what role judges play and have played in the practice and advancement of mediation in their respective jurisdictions and what role they see for mediation in the future.

**Moderator:** • **Aleš ZALAR**, *President of the European Centre for Dispute Resolution (ECDR), Ljubljana, Slovenia*

**Speakers:**

- **Hon. Robert SCHAFFER**, *Judge of the 152<sup>nd</sup> District Court of Harris County, TX, USA*
- **Michèle WEIL-GUTHMAN**, *Retired French Judge and Mediator, Paris, France*
- **Hon. Caroline E. BAKER**, *Judge of the 295<sup>th</sup> District Court of the Harris County, TX, USA*

**11:00 – 11:20 COFFEE BREAK**

**11:20 – 12:30 MEDIATOR ETHICS FROM JURISDICTION TO JURISDICTION**

In this session, an international panel of experienced mediators will consider the ethical considerations raised in various mediation scenarios and whether the ethical considerations differ from jurisdiction to jurisdiction.

**Moderator:** • **Thierry GARBY**, *Co-President and Founder of the UIA World Forum of Mediation Centres, Honorary Attorney at the Paris Bar, Mediator, Trainer, Paris, France*

**Speakers:**

- **Henry J. BLUM**, *Attorney-Mediator, Houston, TX, USA*
- **Patrick VAN LEYNSEELE**, *Attorney-Mediator, Dal & Veldekens, Brussels, Belgium*
- **Claude AMAR**, *Architect and Mediator, President of the French Academy of Mediators, Paris, France*

**12:30 – 14:00 LUNCH AND SOCIALIZING**

**14:00 – 15:00 DOES MEDIATION WORK: THE VIEW FROM THE TRENCHES**

No one knows better than businesses that mediation has its pluses and minuses, especially in high-stakes situations. Whether you are running a Dairy Queen franchise and fighting with Warren Buffett, or running a global oil company with thousands of active litigations around the world, mediation can be a risk or a blessing. The members of this panel will share their experiences and give their perspective on how a mediator can affect the outcome.

**Moderator:** • **F. Peter PHILLIPS**, *Business Conflict Management LLC, Montclair, New Jersey, NY, USA*

**Speakers:**

- **William G. HALL**, *Dairy Queen Franchisee, Ft. Worth, TX, USA*
- **Clyde W. LEA**, *Deputy General Counsel for Litigation, Conoco Phillips, Houston, TX, USA*
- **Kerry CARTER**, *Senior Casualty Specialist, Commercial Lines, Progressive Insurance, Houston, TX, USA*

**15:00 – 16:00 MEDIATION TEXAS STYLE**

Texas has been at the forefront of the modern-day mediation renaissance since the early 1980s. Since that time there have been well over 1 million mediations conducted in Texas of every conceivable variety. What is the basis for this success? What are the nuts and bolts of Mediation Texas Style? This discussion will be of interest to our overseas visitors and an excellent review for the locals.

**Speakers:**

- **Eric GALTON**, *Attorney-Mediator-Arbitrator-Author, Austin, TX, USA*
- **Jeffrey S. ABRAMS**, *Attorney-Mediator, Houston, TX, USA*

**16:00 – 16:20 COFFEE BREAK**

**16:20 – 17:30 MINING THE MINDS OF MEDIATORS, INTERNATIONAL VERSION**

This interactive and popular session will allow the participants of the Forum to ask any question they can think of to the experienced international mediators that will be present in the audience, including ethical considerations.

We are soliciting questions in advance from those attending the Forum. Some of these questions will be used in the session along with other spontaneous questions from the participants on the day of the session. You may send your proposed questions to Fabienne van der Vleugel at [fabienne@vdrvocats.com](mailto:fabienne@vdrvocats.com)

**Moderator:** • **Fabienne VAN DER VLEUGEL**, *Vice-President of the World Forum of Mediation Centres, VDV Avocats, Serris, France*

**Speakers:**

- **Patrick VAN LEYNSEELE**, *Attorney-Mediator, Dal & Veldekens, Brussels, Belgium*
- **Claude AMAR**, *Architect and Mediator, President of the French Academy of Mediators, Paris, France*
- **Thierry GARBY**, *Co-President and Founder of the UIA World Forum of Mediation Centres, Honorary Attorney of the Paris Bar, Mediator, Trainer, Paris, France*

**17:45 MEXICAN FOOD AND MARIACHIS**

**Irma's Southwest Grill**  
1314 Texas St., Suite 100, Houston, TX 77002

## 08:45 – 09:00 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

**University of Houston Law Center**  
4800 Calhoun Rd., Houston, TX 77004

## 09:00 – 10:30 INTERNATIONAL MEDIATION

What is an international mediation? Does it differ from other types of mediation? Where is it being done? How do the parties find an international mediator?

How do I become one? This international panel will discuss the answers to these questions and others from our distinguished audience and the panelists themselves.

**Moderator:** • **Thierry GARBY**, *Co-President and Founder of the UIA World Forum of Mediation Centres, Honorary Attorney at the Paris Bar, Mediator, Trainer, Paris, France*

### Speakers:

- **Patrick VAN LEYNSEELE**, *Attorney-Mediator, Dal & Veldekens, Brussels, Belgium*
- **Colin J. WALL**, *Co-President of the UIA World Forum of Mediation Centres, Commercial, Mediation & Arbitration Services Ltd, Hong Kong, China*
- **Irena VANENKOVA**, *IMI CEO, The Hague, The Netherlands*

## 10:30 – 10:50 COFFEE BREAK

## 10:50 – 12:30 MINING THE MINDS OF MEDIATORS, LOCAL VERSION

This panel consists of mediators with decades of experience as full-time mediators who have conducted thousands of mediations. The format will be the same as the International Version but the questions may be different. This back and forth interaction between the panel and the audience will be useful for beginners and full-time mediators alike, and shall include ethical issues. Again, we are soliciting questions in advance from those attending the Forum to ask the panelists and the audience. Some of these questions will be used in the session along with spontaneous questions from the audience or panelists on the day of the session. You may send your proposed questions to Jeffry S. Abrams at mediator7@aol.com.

**Moderator:** • **Jeffry S. ABRAMS**, *Attorney-Mediator, Houston, Texas, TX, USA*

### Speakers:

- **Alice OLIVER-PARROT**, *Attorney-Mediator-Arbitrator and former Civil and Appellate Judge, Houston, TX, USA*
- **Norman ROSER**, *Attorney-Mediator, Houston, TX, USA*
- **Christine L. HARTER**, *Christine L. Harter, P.A., Ocala, FL, USA*

## 12:30 – 14:00 LUNCH AND SOCIALIZING

## 14:00 – 15:00 ENERGY MEDIATION IN THE ENERGY CAPITAL

The energy industry is such an important part of the Houston economy. Houston is one of the busiest places for mediation in the world. This panel will discuss how mediation is used in the energy industry, whether there are differences between energy mediation and other types of mediation and what the users of mediation services in the industry look for in a mediator of energy disputes.

**Moderator:** • **Pierre-Jérôme ABRIC**, *General Counsel Litigation, AREVA, Paris, France*

### Speakers:

- **Willie WOOD**, *Attorney, Norton Rose Fulbright, Houston, TX, USA*
- **Dick WATT**, *Attorney/Mediator, WattBeckworth, Houston, TX, USA*
- **Raymond ALBRECHT**, *Vice President, Litigation, Enterprise Products Operating LLC, Houston, TX, USA*

## 15:00 – 15:30 NEWS FROM THE CENTRES

## 15:30 – 15:50 COFFEE BREAK

## 15:50 – 16:20 NEWS FROM THE CENTRES – CONTINUED

## 16:20 – 17:00 FUTURE BUSINESS OF THE WORLD FORUM OF MEDIATION CENTRES

Where will the next World Forum be? What topics should be discussed and who will lead those discussions?

## 19:30 OPTIONAL DINNER BLUES AND TEXAS BARBECUE

At the home of Jeffry S. Abrams, a long-time presenter of music at his home.

**2017 W. Main St., Houston, Texas 77098.**

Blues and R&B by Juke Joint band with Eugene Moody. They are the real thing from Houston's Historic Fifth Ward.

Barbecue provided by Goode Company Barbecue. It just doesn't get any more Texas than this.

Bring an instrument for an after party jam or just pick one up out of Jeff's music room.

### OBSERVATIONS

Mediation observations with full-time mediators can be arranged in Houston, Dallas and Austin, Texas for those overseas visitors arriving before or staying after the Forum. We have space for a total of 10 observations. You may be observing a complex business dispute, a simple personal injury case or anything in-between. Come and check out a Mediation Texas Style. Please understand that mediations sometime cancel on short notice. Every effort will be made to find a replacement observation in that event. The location of the observations will depend on how many observations are requested. Austin is a 2.5 hour drive from Houston.

Dallas is a 1 hour flight or 4 hour drive from Houston. Expect only one observation per person but if there is space for more we will do our best to accommodate you.





## General Information

### SEMINAR VENUE

**University of Houston Law Center**  
4800 Calhoun Rd., Houston, TX 77004, USA  
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### REGISTRATION FEES

The registration fees for the Forum are:  
**€ 320 / USD 435 until February 20, 2014 included**  
**€ 370 / USD 500 from February 21, 2014 onwards**

### NOTICE FOR FOREIGNERS TRAVELLING TO THE USA

As of January 12, 2009, all citizens of VWP (Visa Waiver Programme) countries who plan to travel to the United States for business or tourism using the VWP must pre-register with the Electronic System for Travel Authorization ("ESTA") programme and receive an electronic travel authorization prior to boarding a U.S.-bound airplane or cruise ship. (The requirement will not affect U.S. citizens travelling overseas.) ESTA applications may be submitted at any time prior to travel, although it is recommended that the VWP traveller apply for ESTA travel authorization at least 72 hours before departing for the United States. VWP travellers may apply for ESTA authorization at <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov>. Once approved, ESTA travel authorizations will be valid for multiple entries for up to two years or until the applicant's passport expires, whichever occurs first. Please take note of this new requirement, as failure to register with ESTA will result in travel delays.

### CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

Every participant attending the seminar will receive a "Certificate of Participation" at the end of the event that may be used for obtaining "Credits" for "Continuing Legal Education" – "Continuing Professional Development" purposes, depending on national rules. For more information, please contact the UIA. **The UIA will also apply for CLE credits from any U.S. state from which one or more participants is attending the Forum.**

### LANGUAGE

The working language will be **English**.

## Organising Committee

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## HOTEL ROOM RESERVATION

A limited number of rooms has been pre-booked at a preferential rate. Reservations should be made directly through the hotel. Credit card details must be given in order to secure your reservation. Please note that the number of rooms is limited. We recommend that you proceed with your reservations as soon as possible.

Hotels	Rates
<b>HILTON AMERICAS – HOUSTON</b> 1600 Lamar St. Houston, TX 77010, USA <b>T</b> +1 713 739 8000 <b>F</b> +1 713 739 8007 <i>Rooms pre-booked at a preferential rate for the nights of Tuesday, March 18 to Tuesday, March 25, 2014.</i> <i>The booking deadline is February 26, 2014.</i>	Single Room <b>USD 189</b> Double room <b>USD 189</b> <b>Breakfast and taxes NOT included</b> Breakfast: USD 19.95 / Sales Tax currently @ 8.25% + Hotel Occupancy Tax currently @ 17% Reservations should be made: • <b>By phone: +1 800-236-2905</b> mentioning “World Forum of Mediation Center”, or the code of “1WF” • <b>Online</b> following the instructions on the UIA Website <a href="http://www.uanet.org">www.uanet.org</a>
<b>THE SAM HOUSTON HOTEL</b> 1117 Prairie Street Houston, TX 77002, USA <b>T</b> +1 832 200 8800 <b>F</b> +1 832 200 8811 <a href="http://www.thesamhoustonhotel.com">www.thesamhoustonhotel.com</a> <i>Rooms pre-booked at a preferential rate for the nights of Thursday, March 20 to Sunday, March 23, 2014</i> <i>The booking deadline is February 20, 2014.</i>	Single Room <b>USD 139</b> Double room <b>(on availability basis only) USD 139</b> <b>Breakfast and taxes NOT included</b> Breakfast: USD 20 / Sales Tax currently @ 8.25% + Hotel Occupancy Tax currently @ 17% Reservations should be made: • <b>By phone: +1 855-212-6780</b> mentioning “World Forum of Mediation Center”, or the code of “1WF” • <b>Online</b> following the instructions on the UIA Website <a href="http://www.uanet.org">www.uanet.org</a>

All cancellations will be subject to a 50% deduction and will have to be sent in writing, to be received by the Union Internationale des Avocats **no later than February 20, 2014**. No refund will be made for cancellations received after this date.

Anyone who requires a visa invitation letter in order to attend the seminar should register and pay their registration fees **no later than February 20, 2014** to ensure there is enough time to obtain a visa.

All cancellations will be refunded in full, minus €50/USD 70 to cover administrative costs, provided that the UIA has received the registration documents and **total registration fees no later than February 20, 2014**.

If you register after this date, only 50% of the amount paid minus €50/USD 70 to cover administrative costs will be refunded for cancellations due to visa refusals.

All cancellations due to a visa refusal must be sent in writing and reach the UIA **before the seminar**. Cancellations must be accompanied by a **proof of visa refusal**.

If your visa is issued after the seminar date or if you do not have proof of visa refusal, you will not be entitled to a refund.

All registrations received by the Union Internationale des Avocats (UIA) along with the full payment of fees corresponding to the events selected will be confirmed in writing.

The UIA reserves the right to cancel or postpone the seminar to a later date, change the seminar venue and/or programme, make any corrections or modifications in the information published in the seminar programme and cancel any invitation to participate in the seminar, at any time and at their entire discretion, without having to provide any reasons for the same.

Neither the UIA, nor any of its managers, employees, agents, members or representatives shall be held responsible for any loss or damage, of any nature, suffered (directly or indirectly) by a delegate, accompanying person or a third party following any cancellations, changes, postponements or modifications.

**The UIA strongly advises participants to subscribe to modifiable and/or refundable services, as well as to take out a cancellation insurance.**

Neither the UIA, nor any of its managers, employees, agents, members or representatives shall be held responsible for any loss or damage, of any nature whatever, suffered (directly or indirectly) by a delegate or accompanying person, except in case of death or personal injury due to gross negligence by the UIA.

The contractual relations between the UIA and each participant (delegate or accompanying person) in relation to the seminar are subject to French law and jurisdiction, to the exclusion of any other law. Paris is the city of jurisdiction.

It is the responsibility of participants to ensure compliance with police, customs and health formalities for their journey. Participants unable to take part in the seminar because of their inability to take a flight or any other means of transportation due to being unable to provide the documents required (passport, visa, vaccination certificate, etc.) cannot claim any reimbursement.

“Force majeure” means any events external to the parties, of both an unforeseeable and insurmountable nature that prevents either the client or the participants, or the agency or service providers involved in organising the seminar, from executing all or part of the obligations provided for in the present agreement. By express agreement, such will be the case in the event of a strike affecting the means of transport, hotel staff, air traffic controllers, an insurrection, a riot or any prohibition whatever decreed by Governmental or public authorities.

It is expressly agreed that for the parties, a case of force majeure would suspend the execution of their reciprocal obligations. At the same time, each of the parties shall bear the burden of all the expenses incumbent upon them, resulting from the case of force majeure.

The organisers decline any responsibility in case of any health problems existing prior to the seminar that may lead to complications or be aggravated during the entire period of the stay: pregnancy, cardio-vascular problems, any allergies, special diets, any disorders under treatment and not yet consolidated on the day the seminar starts, psychic or mental or depressive illness, etc. (Non exhaustive list).

## CANCELLATION CONDITIONS

## VISAS

## GENERAL CONDITIONS

## FORMALITIES

## FORCE MAJEURE

## HEALTH



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Friday, March 21 & Saturday, March 22, 2014

HOUSTON, TX, USA

### REGISTRATION FORM

Register online at: [www.uianet.org](http://www.uianet.org)

or please complete and return this form before March 7, 2014, by email, fax or post, to:

**UNION INTERNATIONALE DES AVOCATS**

25 rue du Jour, 75001 Paris, France

Tel: +33 1 44 88 55 66 ■ Fax: +33 1 44 88 55 77 ■ Email: [uiacentre@uianet.org](mailto:uiacentre@uianet.org)



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#### UIA INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Please specify your membership number (Please check your membership card or membership fees):

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Family Name: .....

First Name: .....

Firm: .....

Address: .....

Post Code: ..... City: .....

Country: .....

Tel: ..... Fax: .....

Email: .....

Date of Birth: .....

Special requests (special diet, allergies, handicap...): .....

#### A. SEMINAR REGISTRATION FEES

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## B. SEMINAR SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

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Please indicate below whether you plan to attend the following events **included** in the cost of your registration.

- ☐ Welcome Cocktail – Thursday, March 20, 2014
- ☐ Lunch – Friday, March 21, 2014
- ☐ Dinner – Friday, March 21, 2014
- ☐ Lunch – Saturday, March 22, 2014

## C. OPTIONAL ACTIVITY

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(**not included** in the registration fees)

- ☐ Optional Dinner – Saturday, March 22, 2014

• Please book ..... person(s) for the dinner on **Saturday, March 22, 2014** € 50/USD 65 x \_\_\_\_ / pers

**Total (C) € / USD** € .....

## D. TOTAL

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**TOTAL (A) – Registration Fees** € / USD .....

**TOTAL (C) – Optional Activity** € / USD .....

**TOTAL (A+C) € / USD** .....

## F. CANCELLATION CONDITIONS AND GENERAL CONDITIONS

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I, the Undersigned, confirm that I have read and accepted the **cancellation conditions** as well as the **general conditions** given on page 6 of the registration programme. My registration will only be taken into account on receipt of the payment.

Participants are aware that their image and/or voice may be photographed, recorded or filmed throughout the duration of the seminar. They hereby assign to the UIA, with the signature of this form, the right to exploit, reproduce and disseminate the images and recordings by all means, both known and unknown, using all media, for an unlimited term and free of charge.

## E. METHOD OF PAYMENT

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- ☐ By cheque in € payable to the UIA, addressed to: UIA – 25 rue du Jour – 75001 Paris – France
- ☐ By bank transfer in **€ or in USD**, without charges to the payee, in favour of the Union Internationale des Avocats, quoting “2014 Houston Forum”, to the following bank and account:

**Société Générale – Paris Elysées Entreprise**  
**91 avenue des Champs Elysées – 75008 Paris – France**  
**BIC / SWIFT N°: SOGEFRPP**  
**IBAN: FR76 3000 3033 9200 0503 4165 164**

*Kindly attach a copy of your bank transfer order to your registration form*

- ☐ By credit card: ☐ Visa ☐ Eurocard / Mastercard

Card N°: \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

Expiry date: \_ \_ / \_ \_ 3 digits: \_ \_ \_

Name of card holder: .....

I authorise the Union Internationale des Avocats to debit the above mentioned credit card in the amount of **€ (EUR) or USD**.....

Date: ..... / ..... / .....

Signature: .....