



DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION IN ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION: FROM CONTACT TO CONTRACT

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The North American Branch proudly presents this webinar about Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives to expand the number of to increase awareness of Black/African American Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) practitioners and access to opportunities.

Panelists will discuss the initiatives they represent, the successes and challenges of the initiative, how people can get more information and get involved, and what is the future of these initiatives.



Rebekah Ratliff is a credentialed former commercial insurance claims professional, with more than 25 years of experience in evaluating, negotiating and resolving complex liability cases for global commercial insurance carriers, nationwide and internationally, with settlements totaling in the millions. Rebekah is a Mediator and Arbitrator with the Judicial Arbitration Mediation Service (JAMS), the largest private provider of alternative dispute resolution services in the world.

Furthermore, Rebekah is a member of the National Bar Association, serving as the 2nd Vice Chair of the ADR Section and she is the Diversity Committee Co-chair of the Dispute Resolution Section of the American Bar Association. She is a nationally sought-after presenter, panelist, and lecturer in the insurance and legal industries. Rebekah is the recipient of various prestigious awards to include a 7th U.S. District Congressional Award for her work in alternative dispute resolution. She is based in Atlanta and operates internationally.



Professor Homer La Rue is Professor of Law at the Howard University School of Law in Washington, D.C. He is the founder and co-director of the Howard Law ADR Program. He also directs an externship program with the World Bank Group. Professor La Rue is an arbitrator and a mediator of labor, employment, and commercial disputes with over 35 years of experience.

Professor La Rue is the recipient of the 2020 D'Almeberte-Raven Award for outstanding service to the ADR field. The Award is the highest honor given by the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution. La Rue is past Chair of the Section of Dispute Resolution of the American Bar Association. He is a current Vice President of the National Academy of Arbitrators.



Dr. Katherine Simpson, FCI Arb is an international arbitrator based in the U.K. (33 Bedford Row Chambers) and the U.S. (Simpson Dispute Resolution). She has served sole arbitrator in international commercial disputes and has participated in international commercial and investor-state cases chaired by Profs. Karl-Heinz Böckstiegel and William W. Park, among other leading arbitrators. She is an educator who lectures frequently on topics related to international arbitration and advocacy, and her international efforts to increase diversity in international dispute resolution include "The New List: Arbitrators of African Descent with a U.S. Nexus" (with Nancy M. Thevenin) and "CETA – Where are the Women?", which was shortlisted for GAR's "Equal Representation in Arbitration Pledge"-Award (2020).

MODERATOR: Tina E. Patterson, MCI Arb: Tina E. Patterson is an Arbitrator, Mediator, and Facilitator with Jade Solutions, LLC, an ADR services company in the Washington, D.C area that specializes in arbitration, mediation, facilitation, Ombuds, conflict coaching and consulting. Ms. Patterson has two decades of ADR experience and conducts arbitrations and mediations in person and virtual/online formats. She serves as Programs Vice Chair for the North America Branch.

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