



2017 MCWP Roundtable Programs

Time and Location: 5:45-6:45 PM / Leech Tishman offices, 525 William Penn Place, 29th Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

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Date	Discussion Leader	Topic	Description
2/27/17	Judi Teeter	<i>Dialogue in Mediation</i>	Mediators facilitate communication between parties. Often the parties are reluctant to communicate with each other directly, and instead use the mediator as an intermediary. But direct dialogue can be critical to healing and resolution. This session will focus on how mediators can facilitate direct dialogue in mediation. (1 Substantive CLE Credit)
4/17/17	Ann Begler	<i>Working with the Conflict Equation</i>	<p>Conflict, at a range of levels, presents itself with all groups. In fact, all the way back in 1965, Bruce Tuchman, in his work on the structure of groups identified and named one segment as storming. As mediators and coaches we spend time analyzing the root places of conflict and we work on skills we can bring to help manage conflict when it arises. If we are to be most effective when working with groups we ask ourselves what it is we might do to actually help prevent conflict, or at least keep it at the most manageable stages.</p> <p>A recent book entitled, <i>Deconstructing Conflict</i>, (Baumoel and Trippe) presents a formula called the "conflict equation" for identifying the components of conflicts that frequently arise within family enterprise systems. We will explore the "conflict equations" and discuss the way in which its application, or modification, might help both us and our clients understand some of the places and types of structures that can support conflicts to be better managed in order to support sustainability. (1 Substantive CLE Credit)</p>
6/19/17	Prabha Sankaranarayan	<i>Toward People Centered Peace in the 21st Century</i>	<p>Prabha Sankaranarayan is the President and CEO of Mediators Beyond Borders International. She is a conflict transformation consultant who has mediated, facilitated and trained in Europe, Asia, Africa and the USA. She has designed and facilitated interfaith dialogues in Asia and Africa. This dialogue that will consider issues of security and insecurity supported by data, trends, and theories. Questions considered will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are we in a more peaceful era? • How are we to understand current trends of peace and conflict? • How can we prepare for enhanced public engagement in the promotion of peace? • What are the modern threats to the peace? • What role do regional and sub-regional organizations have? <p>(1 Substantive CLE Credit)</p>
8/21/17	Chip Dougherty (moderator), Fred Colen (panelist) Paul Beck (panelist)	<i>The Benefits and Perils of Using a Mediator with Subject Matter Expertise</i>	<p>We will examine the practical considerations involved in being (or selecting) a mediator with subject matter expertise. The speakers all practice in the area of Intellectual Property but the principles that will be discussed apply to any area of the law where substantive expertise may be beneficial to the mediation process. Topics will include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When is it desirable for a mediator to have substantive expertise?



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10/16/17	Jean Lupariello	<i>Elder Mediation</i>	A discussion of the kinds of conflicts associated with aging and the special practice issues that arise when working with the older population, their families and care providers. (1 Substantive CLE Credit)
12/18/17 (date not yet confirmed)	Selina Shultz	<i>How Can Mediators Use Research in Neuro and Social Science to Inform Their Process</i>	A discussion of what the research means for how we structure our process to prevent impasse. We will begin looking at how some of the "magic" that happens in mediation may have some scientific basis and how understanding how people make decisions can both confirm and change some of our own process choices. (1 Substantive CLE Credit)