



Cheryl I. Niro
Mediator/Arbitrator/Negotiation/Facilitator/Consultant
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ADR Experience

Cheryl Niro has a long career in Alternative Dispute Resolution. She is a founding director of the National Center for Conflict Resolution Education, and has served as a consultant to the U.S. Attorney General and Departments of Justice and Education regarding conflict resolution program development and as a teaching assistant at the Harvard Law School Program of Instruction for Lawyers Mediation and Negotiation Workshops. In Illinois, Ms. Niro coordinated the training for the first court annexed mediation programs, teaching trial attorneys and judges to mediate high end civil cases. She has extensive experience mediating civil cases, multi-party, community and government disputes across the country. She serves on the Illinois Judicial Conference ADR Coordinating Committee, serves on the ABA Dispute Resolution Council, the Association for Conflict Resolution, and as an arbitrator for Illinois county court programs. She was recently chosen by the Librarian of Congress to serve on the Copyright Arbitration Royalty Panel. A highly respected A/V Rated attorney, Ms. Niro served as the President of the Illinois State Bar Association for the 1999-2000 term.

Dispute Resolution Process Advice/Consulting/Training

A highly skilled facilitator, Ms. Niro assists groups in diverse settings, including strategic planning, collective bargaining and group problem solving. She has designed dispute resolution systems within varied environments, which provide efficient, cost-effective approaches to managing disputes. Ms. Niro offers dispute resolution process advice to litigants and their attorneys. She assists attorneys and parties by analyzing and preparing strategies for all types of negotiations.

Ms. Niro has designed and conducted training programs in negotiation and mediation for judges, lawyers, corporate executives and managers, insurance professionals, government agencies, law enforcement, communities and educators.

Ms. Niro is frequently published on ADR including *The Decision Tree: A Systematic Approach to Settlement Decisions*, Illinois Bar Journal, Vol. 82, No. 3, March 1994. She is currently authoring a book on ADR use in insurance disputes for Commerce Clearing House.

Education

University of Illinois, Urbana, B.S.

University of Illinois, Urbana, School of Graduate Study

Northern Illinois University College of Law, J.D.

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