

**The Civil Mediation Council  
Interim Academic Committee**

**Seminar Series**

A series of seminars exploring current issues in Alternative Dispute Resolution has been established by The Civil Mediation Council Interim Academic Committee to which you are cordially invited. The two-hour seminars will occur bi-monthly commencing September 2008, with two presenters speaking at each seminar. Locations will vary.

**Seminar One**

September 3, 2008, 3 – 5 p.m.  
Roy Goode Room, 67-69 Lincoln's Inn Fields,  
Queen Mary University, London WC2A 3JB

Speakers:

**Professor Loukas Mistelis, Queen Mary University of London**

*"Settlement and Arbitration"*

Professor Mistelis will expand on the relevant section from a recent empirical survey which can be found at:

<http://www.arbitrationonline.org/research/Corpattitempirical/index.html#2008>

or

[www.pwc.com/arbitrationstudy](http://www.pwc.com/arbitrationstudy)

**Dr. Susan Prince, University of Exeter**

*"Mandatory mediation in Florida:  
not such a Mickey Mouse idea."*

In Florida mediation has been used in connection with court-based proceedings in civil and family cases since 1975. Judges were given the power to order cases to mediation in 1988. The use of mediation in the state is now so successful that, since 2004, it has been integrated into the court system via a constitutional amendment. Clear rules exist which govern all aspects of the mediation process and all mediators have to be certified by the Supreme Court and are governed by ethical guidelines and standards of conduct. The use of mediation has developed so that additional innovative schemes have been created, for example, to reduce the huge number of cases going through the courts after extreme hurricane damage in the state. This scheme was extended to the neighbouring states of Mississippi and Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and is mandatory in hurricane-related disputes in those states.

In England, the use of mediation in court-based civil proceedings is voluntary and under-used despite the encouragement of the Civil Procedure Rules 1998, etc so can an understanding of the Florida system inform future developments and the use of mediation in England and Wales?

## **Seminar Two**

November 5, 2008, 3 – 5 p.m.  
University of Wolverhampton, School of Legal Studies

### Speakers:

**Dr. Penny Brooker, University of Wolverhampton**

*“Evaluative and Facilitative Approaches to Construction Mediation”*

**Dr. Bryan Clark, University of Strathclyde**

*“Mediation and Scottish Lawyers: Past, Present and Future”*

## **Seminar Three**

January 7, 2009, 3 – 5 p.m.  
The London School of Economics and Political Science

### Speakers:

**Professor Simon Roberts, The London School of Economics and Political Science**

*“The English civil court as sponsor of settlement?”*

**Debbie De Girolamo, PhD Candidate, The London School of Economics and Political Science**

*“The Fugitive Identity of Mediation”*

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Further details regarding these and future seminars will follow.