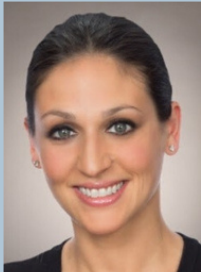


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Thursday, April 29

Schedule At A Glance

- 11:15 AM Event Opens/Sign In Early
- 11:30 AM Welcome, Announcements, & Stronger Together Activity
- 12:00 PM Transforming Impasse: The Joys of Stubbornness
- 2:05 PM Break
- 2:15 PM Family Mediation: Why Diversity and Inclusion Matter
Co-sponsored by the Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission
- 3:30 PM Break
- 3:45 PM Town Hall: How Far Can You Stretch the Boundaries and Remain Impartial?
- 5:15 PM Cocktail Hour, Abel Award, Brief Auction & Fun!
- 6:15 PM After Party/Lounge Crawl Part 1

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Friday, April 30

Track 1

- 8:15 AM Event Opens/Log In Early
- 8:30 AM Welcome & Announcements
- 8:45 AM **Inequitable Distribution**
- 10:30 AM Break, Music & Spotlight Videos
- 10:45 AM Children Are Resistant
- 12:00 PM Lunch Break, Music & Spotlight Videos
- 12:30 PM Annual Meeting
- 1:15 PM **Ask the Judges**
- 2:55 PM Break, Music & Spotlight Videos
- 3:00 PM New Child Parent Security Act
- 4:20 PM Update on the Law
- 5:50 PM Kahoot! Happy Hour/Competition
- 6:30 PM After Party/Lounge Crawl Part 2

Track 2

- Simulcast from Track 1 In Track 2
- Simulcast from Track 1 In Track 2
- MED/ARB**
- Simulcast from Track 1 In Track 2
- Reflective Practice
- Move to Track 1
- Move to Track 1
- Move to Track 1
- Simulcast from Track 1 In Track 2
- What's A Mediator to Do?
- Move to Track 1
- Track 2 Ends

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2:05 PM Break

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3:30 PM Break

3:45 PM TOWN HALL: How Far Can You Stretch the Boundaries and Remain Impartial?

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5:15 PM Cocktail Hour! Bring your favorite libation as we enjoy music, a brief auction & announcement of the 2021 Abel Award.

6:15 PM After Party/Lounge Crawl! Meet new friends and long-time colleagues by hopping to one or more lounges:

**Juice Joint
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8:15 AM Event Opens/Log In Early

8:30 AM Welcome & Announcements

8:45 AM Choice of Track 1 or Track 2

**Track 1: Inequitable
Distribution: Reasons,
Mistakes and Common Pitfalls**

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**Track 2: Consider A Modified
Approach: MED/ARB for
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10:30 AM Break

10:45 AM Choice of Track 1 or Track 2

**Track 1: "But I Don't Want To Go":
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**Track 2: Practice (Alone) Does Not
Make Perfect: Excellence Through
Reflective Practice**

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Laurie Amaya, Esq. Full-time Mediator,
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Jennifer Safian, Safian Mediation

12:00 PM Lunch Break

**12:30 PM NYSCDM Annual Meeting (Track 1)
President's Report & Elections**

Deborah Hope Wayne, Esq., NYSCDM President, Accredited Mediator
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1:15 PM Ask the Judges: Spousal Maintenance & Child Support

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2:55 PM Break

3:00 PM Choice of Track 1 or Track 2



Track 1: Navigating Family Formation & Avoiding Conflict Under the New Child Parent Security Act

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Track 2: What's a Mediator to Do? How the Pandemic Will Continue to Change How Mediators Work

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4:15 PM Break

4:20 PM Update on the Law

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5:50 PM Kahoot! Happy Hour/Competition

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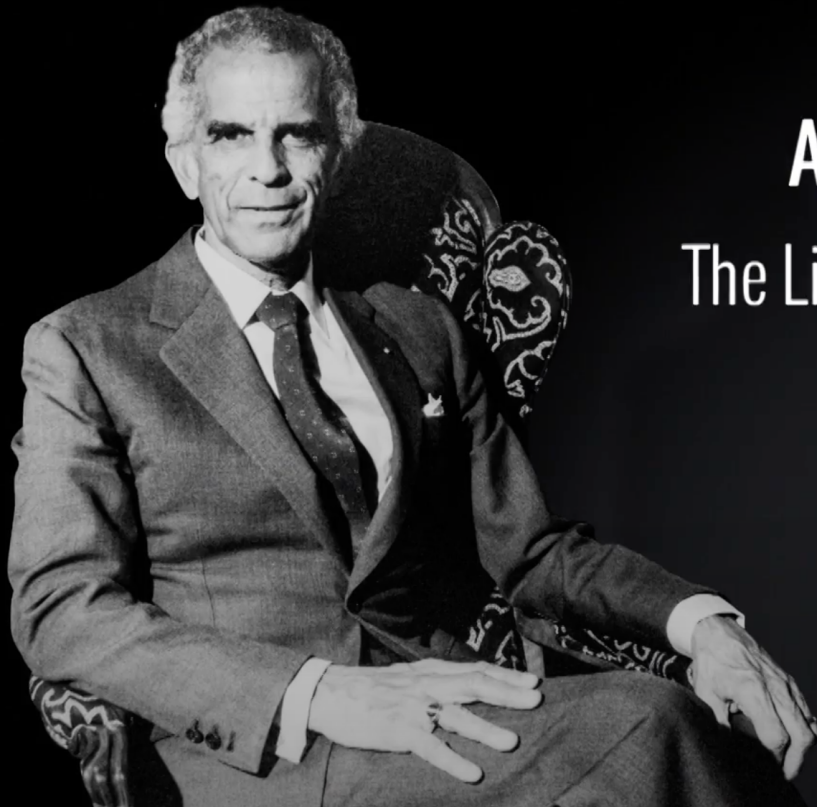
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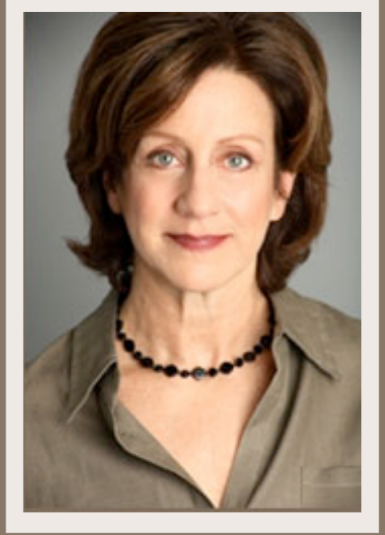


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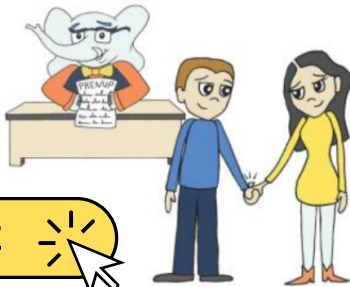


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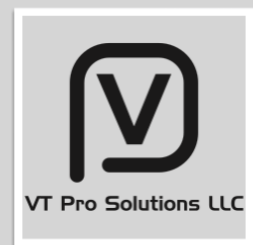


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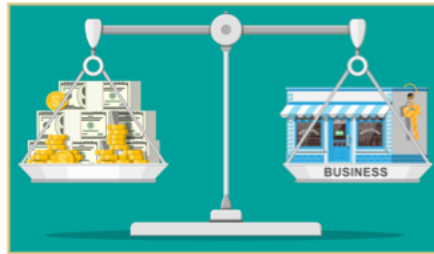
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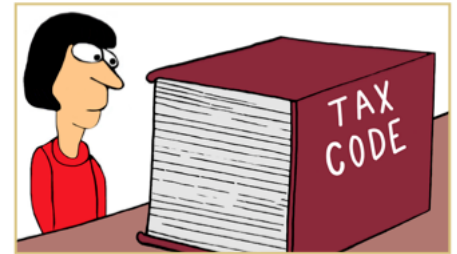
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