Fall 2015
Introduction to Alternative Dispute Resolution

Course Number:  LITG 7010  Call Number:  000121

Professor:  Aaron
Credits:  3 Classroom
Primary Basis for the Grade:  Letter grade. In-class simulation work and final written project. (Projects will likely be lawyer’s or dispute resolution provider’s memorandum, process recommendation, or other practice-related deliverable. The professor will provide prompts for project options, but students will be permitted to propose alternative equivalent projects of professional interest.)
Prerequisites:  None  Enrollment:  Open
Meets Seminar Requirement?  No
Meets Writing Requirement?  No
Meets Client Counseling Requirement?  No
Meeting Times:  Wednesday 3:05 to 6:05 pm  (See special note below)
Room:  203

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Disputing parties opt to mediate or the court orders them to mediation; a contract was negotiated with an arbitration clause; many consumer purchases and employment agreements mandate arbitration; a company seeks advice for a comprehensive dispute resolution system. Arbitration and mediation differ greatly (and include a myriad of variations within the category), but they both occur (at least in part) outside the formal judicial system. This course will introduce students to some of the basic law governing mediation, arbitration, and dispute system design. However, class time will focus on the strategies and skills of lawyering within these alternative dispute resolution processes and context. Students will participate in mediation, arbitrations, and dispute systems design teams and learn wise practice choices when representing clients in these alternative dispute resolution processes.

Special Notes:
The course will likely include a Saturday workshop day, and/or one extended evening, to allow for full arbitration and mediation simulations. The Saturday or evening dates and times will be clearly stated on the course syllabus. If the course does include Saturday or late evening times, the regular sessions will likely end prior to the last week of classes.

This course will involve significant work with simulated practice environments and lawyering challenges in mediation, arbitration, and systems design. It will be structured to meet the ABA’s requirement for “experiential” learning.

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