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TEXAS A&M LAW'S ANNUAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION SYMPOSIUM

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MARCH 7, 2025

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| 8:30-9:00 am | Registration |
| 9:00-9:15 am | Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gary Lucas, Professor of Law and Senior Associate Dean, Texas A&M University School of Law• Professor Nancy Welsh, Frank W. Elliott, Jr. University Professor of Law; and Director, Aggie Dispute Resolution Program, Texas A&M University School of Law |
| 9:15-10:30 am | Judges & Innovation - Creating and Fostering Court-Connected Dispute Resolution Procedures, Neutrals and Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Judge (Ret.) Wayne Brazil, former Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California; Arbitrator and Court-Appointed Neutral, JAMS• Judge Joel P. Fahnestock, Judge, 16th Circuit Court of Jackson County, Missouri, District 9• Professor Kristen Blankley, Henry M. Grether, Jr., Professor of Law, University of Nebraska College of Law• <i>Moderator:</i> Professor Cynthia Alkon, Professor of Law and Director, Criminal Law, Justice & Policy Program, Texas A&M University School of Law |
| 10:30-10:45 am | Break |
| 10:45 am-12:00 noon | Judges & Quality Assurance - Overseeing the Quality, Accessibility and Effects of the Justice System, including Court-Connected Dispute Resolution <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Justice (Ret.) Nathan L. Hecht, former Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Texas• Judge Robert Levy, Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York; Judicial Director of the Eastern District's Alternative Dispute Resolution Programs• Professor Charlotte Alexander, Professor of Law & Ethics, Georgia Institute of Technology, Scheller College of Business• <i>Moderator:</i> Professor Peter Reilly, Professor of Law; Associate Director, Dispute Resolution Program, Texas A&M University School of Law |
| 12:00 noon-1:00 pm | Lunch |



1:00-2:15 pm	Judges & Settlement - Assuring the Fairness of Negotiated (or Mediated) Outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professor Jennifer Robbennolt, Alice Curtis Campbell Professor of Law and Co-Director, Illinois Program on Law, Behavior and Social Science, University of Illinois College of Law• Professor Peter Reilly, Professor of Law and Associate Director, Aggie Dispute Resolution Program, Texas A&M University School of Law• Professor Cynthia Alkon, Professor of Law and Director, Director, Criminal Law, Justice & Policy Program, Texas A&M University School of Law• <i>Moderator:</i> Professor Huyen Pham, University Distinguished Professor of Law, Texas A&M University School of Law
2:15-2:30 pm	Break
2:30-3:45 pm	Judges & Their Role in Resolving Disputes - Sitting and Former Judges as Neutrals <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Judge (Ret.) Jeremy Fogel, former Judge, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California; former Director, Federal Judicial Center, founding Executive Director, Berkeley Judicial Institute• Professor Ellen Deason, Professor of Law Emerita, Ohio State University, Moritz College of Law• Judge Robert Levy, Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York; Judicial Director of the Eastern District's Alternative Dispute Resolution Programs• <i>Moderator:</i> Professor Tanya Pierce, Professor of Law, Texas A&M University School of Law
3:45-4:00 pm	Break
4:00-4:30 pm	What Comes Next – Judges' Reflections on the Day <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Justice (Ret.) Nathan L. Hecht, former Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Texas• Judge (Ret.) Wayne Brazil, former Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California; Arbitrator and Court-Appointed Neutral, JAMS• Judge (Ret.) Jeremy Fogel, former Judge, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California; former Director, Federal Judicial Center, founding Executive Director, Berkeley Judicial Institute• Judge Robert Levy, Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York; Judicial Director of the Eastern District's Alternative Dispute Resolution Programs• Judge Joel P. Fahnestock, Judge, 16th Circuit Court of Jackson County, Missouri, District 9• <i>Moderator:</i> Nancy A. Welsh, Frank W. Elliott, Jr. University Professor of Law and Director, Aggie Dispute Resolution Program, Texas A&M University School of Law
4:30-4:45 pm	Concluding Remarks