



Mediation Seminar

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Willis Tower, Tower House
233 South Wacker Drive
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1. Welcome

2. Thomas P. Valenti

Tactics When Stuck

What to look for leading up to an impasse, tools to work through impasse, and an opportunity to test your strategies in an interactive session.

3. Teresa Frisbie

Minding the Minds: Influencing the Emotional Intelligence of Everyone at the Mediation

Decision science (neuroscience, psychology, behavioral economics) and specific communication tools that everyone can use.

4. Hon. Dennis Burke

Create Prepare Settle

Tips for preparing for mediation, tips for preparing your clients for mediation, and creative ways counsel has used mediation.

5. Break

6. Edna McLain and Dennis Ventura

Tips from the Trenches: Tools for Effective Advocacy at Mediation

Experienced attorneys provide insight into handling issues that may arise during mediation and strategies to utilize for a successful outcome.

7. Speaker Panel Q&A

8. Networking Social Hour



Thomas P. Valenti

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Thomas P. Valenti is an attorney, mediator, arbitrator facilitator and trainer. He has been extensively trained in all aspects of Dispute Resolution. Tom is a former Board Member of Mediators Beyond Borders International (MBBI). Tom has an interest in understanding the issues raised with cross-cultural disputes. He gave the Keynote Address on Interfaith and Multicultural Dialogue at the Dispute Resolution conference at the Ismaili Center, London, in May 2016. He organizes and facilitates dialogues on multicultural issues. He believes that across time and cultures stories connect and can change people, and in that spirit, hosts Tenx9Chicago, a storytelling platform where true experiences are shared. His interests are enhanced by his work with The International Academy of Dispute Resolution (INADR), which is a charitable organization set up to further the interest of mediation amongst law students globally. He has judged and trained at numerous International legal, negotiation, arbitration, and mediation competitions. He has travelled to the UK, Dubai, India and Europe to train and teach courses in Negotiation, Mediation and Arbitration. He has been trained in Peer Mediation and has trained peer mediators. He has also acted as a consultant to "Online Peer Mediation Program." A platform for practicing their peer mediation skills by participating in online peer mediation simulations with other students and their trainer. He is also an organizer of the Global Youth Development Initiative, a mentoring program for international students.



Speaker Information

*Minding the Minds: Influencing the
Emotional Intelligence of Everyone
at the Mediation*



Teresa F. Frisbie

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Teresa Frisbie has been involved in alternative dispute resolution for most of the past two decades. Named a Top Ten Women ADR Neutral as well as a Leading Lawyer in Alternative Dispute Resolution in the categories of international, employment and commercial litigation by her peers, as reported by Illinois Leading Lawyer, she has mediated and arbitrated hundreds of disputes ranging from real estate and business conflicts to estate and employment cases. She also facilitates workplace conflict and communication issues. Ms. Frisbie has been selected as a member of The National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals, a certified mediator in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois Law, Probate and Chancery Division mediation programs, and a mediator and arbitrator for ADR Systems of America, LLC. She served ten years as a mediator for the Center for Conflict Resolution as well as many years as an arbitrator for the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois. She was named a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, London, in 1997, is on the Executive Committee for the International Academy of Dispute Resolution and has served as executive director and a panel member for the Chicago International Dispute Resolution Association. She is a member of the Association for Conflict Resolution, and has been involved with many other dispute resolution organizations over the years. Ms. Frisbie also writes and presents regularly on dispute resolution and is a columnist for the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin. She has trained law students, business professionals, lawyers, judges, realtors, physicians and nurses in mediation, mediation advocacy, negotiation, conflict management and/or international arbitration in the United States and internationally. She also teaches mediation advocacy and coaches Loyola's international mediation team. Ms. Frisbie began her career at Foran & Schultz, where she was a partner, and was of counsel to the law firms of Davis McGrath and DeGrand & Wolfe, P.C.



Speaker Information

Create Prepare Settle



Hon. Dennis J. Burke, (Ret.)

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Hon. Dennis J. Burke, (Ret.) is a highly-regarded mediator and arbitrator with a wealth of experience garnered from his 15 years serving on the Circuit Court of Cook County. During his tenure on the bench, he conducted approximately 2,200 settlement conferences while presiding over hundreds of commercial cases and jury trials. In private practice, Judge Burke worked with transactional attorneys to navigate and negotiate many contract cases and was an expert in asbestos litigation. An early advocate of dispute resolution, he has won acclaim for his settlement skills and is also well known for his keen ability to build trusting relationships with all parties during the dispute resolution process.



Speaker Information

Tips from the Trenches: Tools for Effective Advocacy at Mediation

Edna L. McLain

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Edna L. McLain focuses her litigation practice on the defense of corporate clients in toxic tort and general liability cases, as well as the defense of nursing homes, nurses, and other medical personnel in medical negligence cases. She has coordinated the discovery responses and corporate representative depositions of multiple asbestos clients, negotiated settlements, prepared and argued motions, and managed the trial preparation of hundreds of cases. She successfully argued an appeal before the Illinois Second District Appellate Court and has tried multiple medical negligence cases to defense verdicts in Illinois.

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Dennis Ventura is a partner in the Insurance practice. He represents insurers in various litigation and non-litigation insurance matters, including claims related to commercial general liability coverage, employment practices liability coverage, excess/umbrella liability coverage and professional liability coverage. He represents insurers in a broad range of insurance matters involving state and federal law throughout the country, and has extensive experience handling claims involving personal and advertising injury, clergy abuse litigation against institutional insureds, additional insured issues, and long-tail claims such as environmental and lead paint exposure claims.

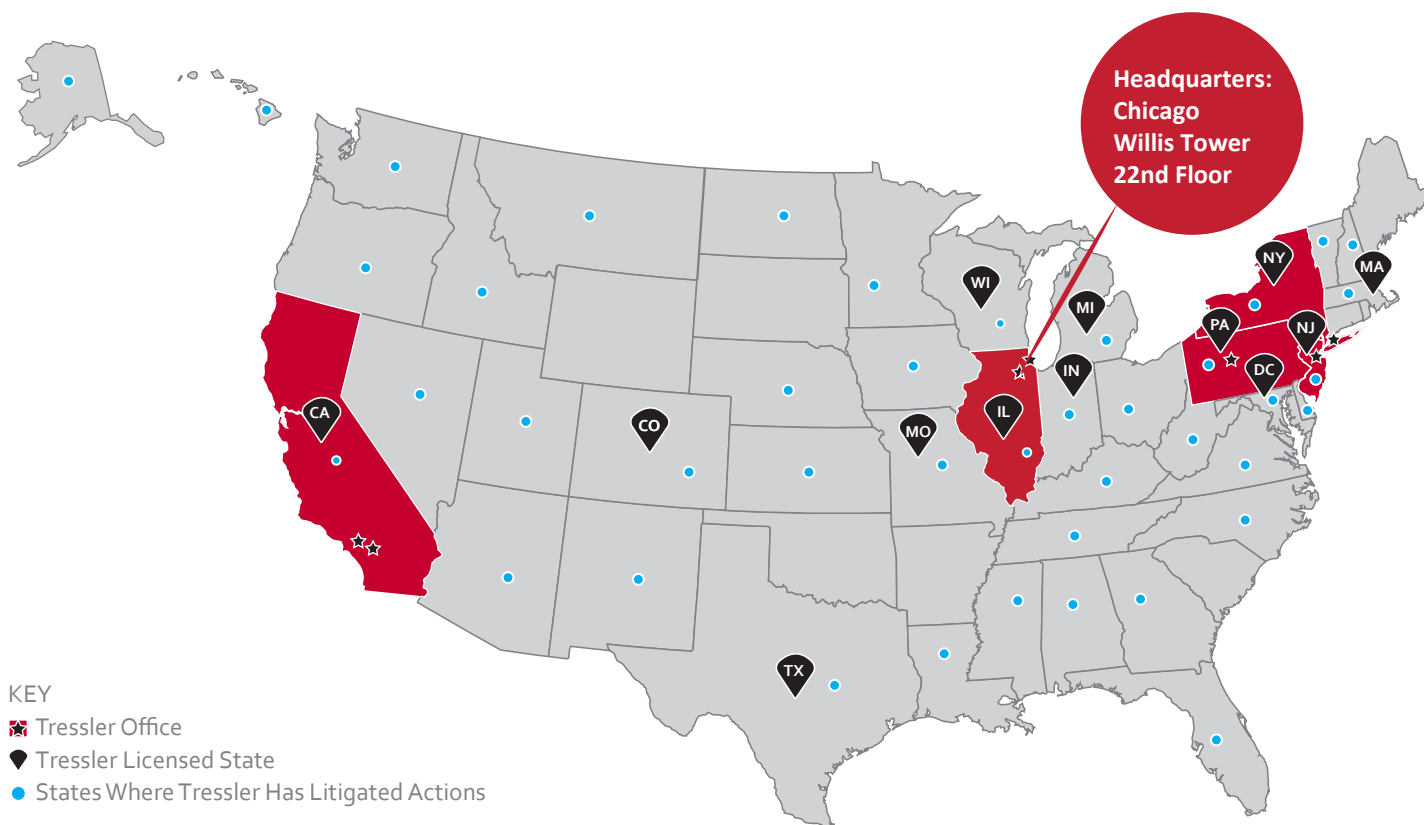
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