Mediation

In the *Mediation Clinic*, student attorney-mediators learn professional neutral intervention skills that allow parties to resolve their disputes. As mediators, clinic interns help parties resolve commercial disputes, torts, and landlord-tenant, family, neighbor, and employment-related disputes. They work in two-person teams to co-mediate cases under direct faculty supervision and second-seat faculty in complex cases. Clinic interns study the substantive law in matters including contract law, disability and anti-discrimination law, and court procedures/protocol for dispute resolution.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF PRACTICE**

**Current Work in Court:** Last semester student interns helped reach settlements for three plaintiffs in cases regarding police misconduct. Other interns worked on a religious discrimination suit dealing with explicit anti-Semitism in training of executive staff.

**Staff Excellence:** Beryl Blaustone has ongoing clinical exchanges with both Northumbria Law School in the United Kingdom and University of New South Wales in Australia. She has been reappointed for an unprecedented third term at Northumbria and is the only teaching colleague there to be appointed for three terms straight. In addition, she is being asked to present on Issues of Assessment in Legal Clinical Education at Northumbrian Law School later this year.

**SPOTLIGHT**

**Alumni:** Several CUNY School of Law and Mediation Clinic alumni have returned to act as supervising attorney mediators for clinical projects.

Eddy Bonsignore, Esq. is a supervising attorney who has worked with the Clinic for ten years and is a Mediation Clinic and CUNY Law alumnus. He has built a successful family mediation law practice in Long Island.

Rebecca Price, Esq. is a CUNY Law graduate, who has worked as a supervising attorney in the past, and is currently the Director of the Mediation Project at the Southern New York Federal District Court.

The Mediation Clinic also has two other attorney supervisors, Catherine Hannibal, Esq. and Neely Moked, Esq.

There are three Mediation Clinic alums working as teaching assistants in the Mediation seminar this semester. They are: Andrew Foley, Logan Gerrity and Leno DeMasi.

Mediation clinic alumnus, Marianna DeCrescenzo, is working with Beryl on revising the Mediation Clinic manual.

**PROJECTS AND PARTNERS**

**Student Team Work:** Clinic interns work in teams of two. They co-mediate at Brooklyn and Queens Civil and Small Claims courts. They co-mediate cases between landlords and tenants, commercial transactions, warranties, and tort matters.

**Work in the Federal District Court:** Beryl Blaustone is a mediator for the Federal District Court Southern District. Clinic interns have the opportunity to assist her in complex cases involving allegations of employment discrimination and police misconduct.

**Report Work:** Clinic interns write bench memos updating the law on issues such as confidentiality enforcement and calculation of damages.