Message From the Director

This has been a banner year for Loyola’s Dispute Resolution Program, particularly in international programming. Loyola’s team took first place at the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Hong Kong! Team members also won individual awards at both the Vienna competition and at the Shanghai Pre-Moot.

Loyola also once again hosted and co-sponsored the International Academy of Dispute Resolution (INADR) International Law School Mediation Tournament, which brought hundreds of international students, professors, mediators and attorneys to Chicago to participate in four days of events and competition rounds. Thank you again to all the judges who participated in the tournament. To view a fun, short video about the competition, click here.

Loyola was an international semi-finalist at the INADR tournament, and the ABA Client Counseling team also performed well, taking second place in the regional competition.

Loyola also hosted the annual Loyola Vis Pre-Moot, which drew many international students as well. This year’s Pre-Moot will take place February 14, 2015.

Loyola’s new LLM in International Law program, which allows LLM students to choose an ADR focus, is growing, and this year students from the program participated in the EEOC Mediation Advocacy Project, representing live clients at EEOC mediations.

I am also pleased to announce exciting new programming in restorative processes with a Restorative Justice Workshop course and an upcoming presentation by Judge Sophia Hall in March.

We are very grateful to all of the alumni, practicing attorneys, arbitrators, and mediators who volunteer time to provide feedback to our students as they hone their dispute resolution skills.

Teresa F. Frisbie
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Loyola Wins 2014 Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition

Loyola is very proud of our 2014 Vis Team, which took first place at the Fourteenth Willem C. Vis Hong Kong Moot out of 99 teams from around the world. Erin Wenger and Jan Greszta won honorable mention best oralist awards. Although Loyola has performed very well in both the Vienna and Hong Kong Vis Moots over the years, and made it to the finals during the first Hong Kong Vis Moot in 2003, this is the first time Loyola Chicago has actually been the champion. The Hong Kong Team also participated in a pre-moot in Shanghai, where they advanced to the quarterfinals. Kelsey Leingang won an award for 2nd runner-up best oralist, and Jan Greszta received an honorable mention for best oralist.

The Vienna team of Alex Moe, Amanda Mueller, Diana Chen and Mike Brandenberg also performed well. They participated in pre-moots in Belgrade and Zagreb, and also participated in a pre-moot in Vienna held at the Austrian Supreme Court. They also wrote an excellent Claimant’s Memorandum. Only three American teams won an Honorable Mention for Best Claimant’s Memorandum this year in Vienna: Loyola Chicago, Harvard, and Columbia.

We are grateful to the Hong Kong team coaches John Calhoun and Josh Heffernan (JD ’09) (profiled on p. 4), and Vienna team coaches Professor Margaret Moses, Director of the International Law and Practice Program at Loyola and the Vis moot program, Bill Davis and Rae Kyritsi (JD ’12).

The Tenth Annual Loyola Pre-Moot will take place on Saturday, February 14, 2015. If you would like more information please contact Melissa Bocker (JD ’11) at mabocker@gmail.com.
Law Students from Around the World Learn Mediation Skills and Forge International Connections at Loyola

Loyola University Chicago School of Law and the International Academy of Dispute Resolution (INADR) co-sponsored the 13th Annual International Law School Mediation Tournament at Loyola’s Philip H. Corboy Law Center March 5-8, 2014.

Nearly 400 students, mediators, professors, and attorneys from around the globe gathered for a four-day program that included, in addition to the mediation skills tournament, trainings by internationally respected mediators, tours of the City of Chicago and the Daley Center, a reception by the law school’s new international LLM programs and a cross-cultural program with the Association of Conflict Resolution.

Loyola hosts and co-sponsors the international round of the tournament every other year. This year’s tournament increased in size by almost 20 teams since 2012, with 52 student teams from countries including Australia, India, China, Sri Lanka, Russia, Ukraine, Lithuania, Ireland, Northern Ireland, United Kingdom, Canada, and Germany. Students had the opportunity to practice their skills both as mediators and as advocates in a cross-cultural setting.

The tournament, which tests students in both advocacy and mediation skills, included hypothetical international legal disputes that ranged from child abduction to international border and fishing issues.

As part of the competition, students learn to communicate productively with decision makers from other cultures, and to generate options for creative solutions that can offer both parties a satisfying outcome beyond what a court or other tribunal might impose.

Student ADR Society president Randy Ojeda, who co-mediated with a student from Russia, said, “I realized I have contacts in Ireland, Russia, Sri Lanka, and India, as well as other countries. I made friends from all over the world. What an incredible experience.”

The Loyola team of Ellie Chavez, Meg Davis, Michael Gubiotti, Giorie Mahn, Randy Ojeda, Rupa Ramadura, Lauren Cichowski and Giselle Kalen, coached by Teresa Frisbie and assisted by team alumni, performed very well at the competition. Meg Davis, Giorie Mahn and Randy Ojeda were international semi-finalists in both the mediator and advocate/client categories.

Loyola alumnus Fred Lane (JD ’50), a founding member of INADR, participated as a trainer in the pre-tournament training sessions, and enlivened the proceedings in his inimitable style with humor and a little magic.

The 2015 tournament is at BPP Law School in London in February, and Loyola will again host in March 2016.

For information on becoming a sponsor or serving as a judge for the competition in London in February 2015 or at Loyola in March 2016 contact Teresa Frisbie tfrisbie@luc.edu.
Loyola faculty continue to present at and attend conferences on dispute resolution and to publish on ADR topics. Professor Margaret Moses recently published articles in the New York Dispute Resolution Journal and the Kluwer Arbitration Blog, and has forthcoming articles in the Liber Amicorum for the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Contemporary Issues in International Arbitration and Mediation: The Fordham Papers, Northwestern Journal of International Law & Business, Transnational Dispute Management, and the Yearbook on International Arbitration. She also presented at an arbitration conference sponsored by the Center for International Legal Studies and held at SchlossLeopoldskron in Salzburg, Austria, and at an arbitration conference held at Fordham Law School.

Program director Teresa Frisbie has a monthly column on dispute resolution topics at the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin. Recent columns have addressed a variety of topics including pre-hearing conferences in arbitration, mediation submissions, estate mediation, conflict coaches, online videoconferencing tools and cross-cultural issues in mediation. To view her column “Client Involvement is Key in Estate Mediation,” click here. Frisbie also presented “Open Their Minds, Cool Their Brains: Quick Mediation Techniques That Turn Down ‘Fight or Flight’ Hormones” to the Association for Conflict Resolution, and provided negotiation skills training for attorneys and judges at the Circuit Court of Cook County Parentage and Child Support Court. She also participates as an international mediator in the Pace Law School Online Certificate Program in International Commercial Law and International Dispute Resolution, and coaches the INADR International Mediation Team.

Spotlight on Josh Heffernan (JD ’09)

Joshua Heffernan (JD ’09) is a Senior Case Manager at ADR Systems, where he administers complex commercial mediations and arbitrations. While at Loyola, Josh participated in the 2008 Vis East Arbitration Moot and was named runner-up for Best Oral Advocate.

After graduating from Loyola, Josh attended a one year program on International Commercial Arbitration at Stockholm University.

Since returning to Chicago, Josh has helped coach the Loyola Vis East team and attends as many Loyola alumni events as possible.

Prior to attending law school, Josh lived in Beijing for 5 years and was a founding member of Yin Ts’ang, the first hip-hop group in mainland China.

Upcoming Events in 2015

January 31 –Feb. 1
Mediation Weekend Course

February 7
Client Counseling Weekend Course

February 14
Loyola Vis Pre-Moot

February 14–15
Negotiation Weekend Course

February 18–22
INADR Law School Mediation Tournament, BPP Law School, London

March 26
Restorative Justice Program with Judge Sophia Hall

March 15–22
Vis Moot Competition—Hong Kong

March 27–April 2
Vis Moot Competition—Vienna

April 17–18
Client Counseling Competition
ABA Client Counseling Competition

2014 Regional Finalists

Regional Finalists. Annette Wojciechowski and Steven Mulroney made an outstanding showing at the ABA Client Counseling Competition and Christina Spieza and Maddy Goldfarb, coached by Will Murphy and student coach Ariel Johnson, took second place in the regional competition.

Pictured, from left: Steven Mulroney, Annette Wojciechowski, Christina Spieza and Maddy Goldfarb

Mediation and Collaborative Law Trainings

The Dispute Resolution Program will again cosponsor a mediation skills training designed for collaborative law practitioners with Brigitte Schmidt Bell, P.C. This 40 hour mediations skills training course not only satisfies the Collaborative Law Institute of Illinois mediation training requirement, but also specifically teaches participants how to apply mediation skills in a collaborative practice. With a schedule of five days spread over three weekends the course is designed to minimize disruption to your work schedule. The training also provides ample opportunity to practice mediation skills with feedback from experienced mediators. Dates are TBA, most likely late May or June 2015.

If you are interested in taking this training, please send an email to lawyers@bsbpc.com or call Jeryl Chico at 847-733-0933 for more information. The cost for the training is $1,500 which includes all of the required training materials.