

A TELECONFERENCE EVENT

Friday, January 30, 2015

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Attorneys Ethics While Serving in the Role of Third-Party Neutral with Professor Robert Rubinson, University of Baltimore School of Law

Attorneys wear many hats: advisor, counselor, representative, advocate, diplomat, mediator...you get the picture. And when an attorney is serving as either a mediator or settlement conference practitioner, the attorney is wearing the hat of "third party neutral," separate from the role of attorney. Join us in this presentation by Professor Rob Rubinson, University of Baltimore School of Law, to learn more about the intersection of legal ethics, Standards of Conduct for Mediators, Arbitrators and Other ADR Practitioners, and the Maryland Program for Mediator Excellence Standards of Conduct. Explore the issues related to the convergence of the roles of attorney and third-party neutral and learn how to avoid the pitfalls and traps of not keeping a clear distinction between the two.

About Professor Rubinson

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Professor Rubinson is the director of clinical education for the University of Baltimore School of Law. His primary teaching and scholarly interests are in professional ethics, critical theory, and alternative dispute resolution. His articles have appeared in, among other publications, the *Clinical Law Review*, the *Arizona State Law Journal*, and the *Journal of the Legal Profession*.

Mr. Rubinson has served as reporter for the Maryland Court of Appeals Ethics 2002 Committee, which proposed changes to the Maryland Rules of Professional Conduct. He has also been chair of the Maryland State Bar Association's Section Council on Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar. He is a member of the New York and Maryland bars. And, he is co-author of the text Family Mediation: Theory and Practice (Lexis/Nexis 2009 and second edition forthcoming later this year).

Materials for the Teleconference

Please download the following documents in preparation for the teleconference.

1. [Robert Rubinson, The New Maryland Rules of Professional Conduct and Mediation, 36 UBALF1 \(University of Baltimore Law Forum\)](#)
2. [Maryland Rules of Professional Conduct, Rule 2.4 – Lawyer Serving as Third-Party Neutral](#)
3. [Title 17 - ADR, Chapter 100, 17-102 Definitions](#)
4. [Title 17 - ADR, Chapter 100, 17-105 Confidentiality](#)
5. [Standards of Conduct for Mediators, Arbitrators and Other ADR Practitioners, adopted by the Maryland Court of Appeals](#)
6. [Maryland Program for Mediator Excellence \(MPME\) Standards of Conduct](#)

Additional Resources on this subject matter:

1. [Shannon M. Baker, Ethical Guidance for Maryland District Court Attorney ADR Practitioners and Attorney Consumers of District Court ADR Programs, May 2013](#)
2. Roger Wolf, The Gray Zone: Mediation and The Unauthorized Practice of Law, Md. Bar J., July-Aug 2003
