

**DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN COURTHOUSE (SDNY)
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NEW YORK, NY 10007**

“Mediation in 2019” (2 CLE Credits)*

May 7, 2019 (6-8 pm) SDNY Ceremonial Courtroom

To save time at the May 7th mediation discussion, here is some background information about the program.

Our panel is extraordinarily well qualified! **Ken Feinberg** has mediated successfully some of the most complex issues of our time. He has, among other appointments, been Special Master for the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund; Special Master to set TARP Executive Compensation; Administrator of the BP Deepwater Horizon Disaster Victim Compensation Fund; and Administrator for One Fund Boston, the charity to aid Boston Marathon Bombing victims. **Barbara Jones**, formerly an SDNY District Court Judge, has also been tapped to resolve complicated, high profile disputes. She has, among other appointments, been Special Master in the Michael Cohen SDNY case; Arbitrator of discipline imposed by the NFL upon running back Ray Rice; Independent Review Officer for the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Union; and Panel Member reviewing NYPD discipline policies. **Theo Cheng** has conducted over 500 arbitrations and mediations involving commercial and business disputes, breach of contract and negligence actions, trade secret theft, employment discrimination claims, wage-and-hour disputes, and intellectual property infringement. He has also become an indispensable volunteer member of both the SDNY and Second Circuit mediation panels, while at the same time heading his own alternate dispute resolution firm.

Esta Bigler is Director of Cornell’s ILR Labor & Employment Law Program and she teaches labor and employment law both in Ithaca and New York City. She will, among other topics, describe ILR Mediation training conducted in New York City.

As co-moderator, I plan to discuss the (great) value of mediation (and two mediations involving professional athletes). I will also talk about Supreme Court arbitration decisions.

During the course of the presentations, the panel will consider “What mediation means” and “What it takes to mediate successfully.” And, we will compare mediation with other forms of alternate dispute resolution such as arbitration.

Following the program, we invite you to have a complimentary glass of wine or sparkling water.

Richard M. Berman
February 25, 2019

* Mediation is a dynamic, structured, interactive process where a neutral third party assists disputing parties in resolving conflict through the use of specialized communication and negotiation techniques. All participants in mediation are encouraged to actively participate in the process. Wikipedia

Our Program is sponsored by the Southern District of New York, the Second Circuit, and the Cornell University ILR School. Attendees will receive 2 New York State CLE Credits in Professional Practice, at no cost.

If you are planning to attend the May 7th program, please register as soon as possible at <http://ww2.ca2.uscourts.gov/event/> (password: Mediation). Anyone wishing to receive CLE credit should arrive at the Courthouse (Worth Street entrance) early.

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