

Dear Students -

Welcome to the Mediation Advocacy Seminar. I look forward to a productive and hopefully fun seminar with you in Vermont.

We will begin class promptly on Friday July 13 at 12:45 in Oakes Room 208. Please be on time to claim your seat; the Seminar is limited to 16 students and in the past this class has had a waitlist.

The Syllabus, Course Slides and the General Instructions for the simulation Redwood Falls can be found on TWEN. We will use this simulation throughout the weekend. Please study the General Instructions and be familiar with the facts as we will be discussing the simulation in the first class session; you will receive further role-specific Confidential Instructions during class.

The text, Sharing a Mediator's Powers, can be purchased in the bookstore. It is not a traditional law school text and includes video clips of an actual mediation, so I hope it will be tolerable and useful. The video clips can be found at [http:// tinyurl.com/ Culture-Bubble](http://tinyurl.com/Culture-Bubble) which should be easier to navigate than the DVD provided with the textbook.

For the first class, please read Chapters 1 – 3, 11 – 12 and view DVD chapters 1 – 7. Because this is a very short and intensive course, I highly recommend that you do all the text reading in advance of the first class session. You may have some short preparation work to do each evening after class for the next day, so you will have limited time to do the class reading at night. Please take notes on your observations when you view the video clips as we will be discussing them in class.

Please note that this class meets Friday July 13 from 12:45 – 6:30, Saturday July 14 from 8:30AM – 6:30PM, and Sunday July 15 from 8:30AM – 6:30PM. Prompt and timely attendance at ALL class sessions is mandatory to receive a passing grade in this class. Your final class deliverables – a five-page Journal and a ten-page Mediation Advocacy Plan – will be due on Saturday July 21 at 11:59 PM (one minute before midnight). Absent truly exceptional circumstances documented in writing and approved by the Professor at least four days in advance of the deadline, no extensions will be granted. Late submissions will result in a failing grade, so please plan your time accordingly.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at cacjd@comcast.net.

I look forward to meeting each of you on July 13.

With kind regards,
Professor Costantino