

Parties with contract disputes involving consumer, employment, real estate, tort, and other civil claims are increasingly turning to alternative dispute resolution methods to save time, reduce costs, and preserve relationships. Those parties need skilled neutrals to hear their disputes and arrive at fair decisions under the law.

On April 18th, coinciding with the ABA's Dispute Resolution Section Annual Meeting, the National Arbitration Forum (FORUM) will host a program designed to create opportunities for women and minorities who are interested in furthering their opportunities as an ADR neutral. This program will provide a legal and practical overview of arbitration and matters administered by the FORUM, and will provide tips and strategies designed to maximize a neutral's dispute resolution skills.

The FORUM is one of the world's largest providers of alternative dispute resolution services. Providing a full spectrum of dispute resolution services, including arbitration and mediation, the FORUM is dedicated to providing America's fairest and most-efficient system for resolving disputes. Headquartered in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the FORUM has established a distinguished Panel of over 1,600 attorneys and retired judges throughout the U.S. and in 35 countries.

Class Size: 12

Upon successful completion of this program, attendees who meet the following pre-requisites and who are pre-approved by the FORUM will be invited to join our panel of neutrals

Pre-requisites:

- Fifteen years experience as a licensed attorney, or a lesser number of years that includes a substantial litigation background and other valued legal experience.
- A demonstrated ability to provide excellent legal services in a highly ethical manner, which may include recognition by third-parties in the form of ratings, awards or commendations.
- Significant experience resolving disputes through arbitration and meditation.
- A demonstrated interest in and commitment to alternative dispute resolution, and to serving one's community and profession.

If you are interested, please submit your resume or curriculum vitae, the names and contact information of three references, and a brief explanation of how you meet the above requirements, including a summary of your experience, training and interest in alternative dispute resolution, to:

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