

2017 AMM Conference Presenter Biographies

Lawrence Altman, JD

Larry is a graduate of St. Louis University School of Law and has over three decades of experience as an attorney in a practice focusing on education cases. He served as Special Education Lead Attorney and Compliance Officer and Title IX Coordinator for the Kansas City Missouri Public Schools. Throughout his career he has focused on assisting children with special needs who qualified for services under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Act and those needing accommodations under Section 504. In 2015, the National School Board Association appointed him to serve on the in-house school counsel committee of the Council of School Attorneys Association. The Annie Malone Children and Family Service Center in St. Louis has honored him as an Advocate of the Year. Larry currently serves on the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Legislative Workgroup for Prevention of Student Bullying and Suicide. In 2016 he co-authored a book on title IX compliance and bullying prevention. Larry is also an adjunct professor at Avila University in Kansas City, Missouri.

Noam Ebner, LL.M

Noam Ebner is Professor of Negotiation and Conflict Resolution in the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies at Creighton University's Graduate School. Originally from New York, Professor Ebner has lived in Israel for many years, dividing his time between his home in Jerusalem and teaching, training, and consulting activities in the U.S. and abroad. He currently resides outside of Jacksonville, Florida. Before joining the faculty at Creighton University, Professor Ebner held positions at a number of universities around the world, including Sabanci University in Turkey and the U.N's University for Peace in Costa Rica. Formerly chair of Creighton's Negotiation and Conflict Resolution Programs' online graduate degree, Professor Ebner was among the first educators to promote and develop online teaching in the area of negotiation and dispute resolution. He taught dozens of courses online, spearheaded curricular and pedagogical development for an online masters degree program, and taught one of the first Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) on negotiation.

Outside of academia, Professor Ebner has practice as an attorney, negotiator, mediator and trainer at his own Jerusalem-based firm. He has trained mediators for the Israeli court system and has played key roles in a number of community mediation programs. He has conducted hundreds of workshops on negotiation and conflict resolution for a broad range of private sector industries, governmental agencies, NGOs, universities and non-profits around the world. Professor Ebner has authored many articles and book chapters on his research interests of negotiation pedagogy, trust and its role in dispute resolution, and negotiation and mediation processes conducted online, which are available for reading at <https://ssrn.com/author=425153>. He is co-editor of *Assessing*

Our Students, Assessing Ourselves, Vol. 3 in The Rethinking Negotiation Teaching project (2012, DRS Press).

Dawn E. Kuhlman, M.A.

Dawn is the owner of Kuhlman Conflict Solutions, LLC, an entity specializing in Conflict Resolution and Educational Trainings. She holds a Masters (MA) in Clinical Psychology from the University of Dayton, and a Bachelor of Science Degree (BS) in Psychology from Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. She is also a certified administrator of the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator. Dawn wears many hats including mediator, trainer, co-parent coach and parent coordinator. She provides both therapeutic and supervised parent-child sessions and is a Continuing Mediation Education Instructor at Johnson County Community College. She serves as an adjunct professor at Baker University and Mid-America Nazarene University. Dawn has nearly 15 years of experience in the court system and social service industry. She has educated thousands on conflict resolution and communication. Dawn served as the Corresponding Secretary for the Missouri Chapter of Association of Family and Conciliation Courts from 2010-2015 and has been a member of the Association of Missouri Mediators since 2005. Dawn was also a consultant for a statewide non-profit mediation program called M.A.R.C.H. Mediation from 2012-2015.

Sarah Read, J.D.

Prior to moving to Missouri, Sarah was a partner at Sidley Austin LLP in Chicago, Illinois, working with its Antitrust, Commercial and Regulatory Litigation group and its Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) resource group. She is currently President of The Communications Center, Inc.. Her practice concentrates in the areas of alternative dispute resolution and law practice management. She works with including individuals, businesses, nonprofits and community groups. In July 2017 she made a presentation to the Federal Interagency ADR Working Group in Washington, D.C. on *Facilitation Analytics: Tools to Help Unpack, Analyze and Navigate Conflict*. Her workshop presentation is drawn from that presentation.

Ron Wiesenthal JD

Ron is a mediator and owner of the St. Louis Mediation Center. His mediation career began in 1990 as part of his law practice, where he represented plaintiffs and defendants in a myriad of transactions and civil litigation. In 2004 he closed his law practice to pursue a full time mediation practice. He is a member of the Missouri and Texas Bars, the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals, the American Arbitration Association panel of mediators and is recognized as a Best Lawyer and Super Lawyer in Mediation. His proudest accomplishments, though, are those as husband, father and grandfather.