

**Title: What Layers Want in Mediation**

Interactive panel discussion and presentation of data collected from attorneys who participated in court-annexed mediation at the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York. Topics include, what pre-mediation contact is most productive, what obstacles the attorneys encounter, how mediators can help attorneys navigate the process, and ethical issues that arise in mediation. The presentation will conclude with smaller working groups to allow for an interactive learning experience.

**Presenters:**

David Berger, Founding Partner at Allegaert Berger & Vogel LLP

Elena Paraskevas-Thadani, Principal at EPT Legal LLC

Paul Radvany, Professor at Fordham Law School, Mediator and Arbitrator

**Moderator:**

Danielle Shalov, ADR Administrator at the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York

**Agenda:**

12:00 – 12:05 NYDRA Introduction and introduction of panelists (0 CLE)

12:05-12:55 Panel Presentation (1.0 CLE Professional Practice)

Panelists will address attorney comments from court-annexed mediation regarding: pre-mediation contact, obstacles in mediation, ethical concerns, and better practices when it comes to process (including concluding the mediation).

12:55-1:20 Small Group Workshop (.5 CLE Skills)

Working in small groups, participants will address a series of hypothetical scenarios based on comments collected from attorneys in court-annexed mediation. Smaller groups will compile “take-aways” to share with the larger group at the end of the program.

1:20 – 1:30 (0 CLE)

Take aways and Q and A