

Title: Mediation Hits the Headlines: What You May Not Know But Should

Description of Breakout Session:

Several mediation cases have been the subject of recent news reports. Questions have risen whether mediation results should be reported in the press or not. How are the mediations impacted by such reports? Are mediation confidentiality and applicable Utah statutes and standards at issue? A team of professional mediators will engage in a lively and informative discussion of what you may not know but should about Utah's mediation statutes, rules, standards, and appellate case law.

Outline:

Overview of Utah Alternative Dispute Resolution Act, Utah Uniform Mediation Act, Court Rules, Canons, Standards, and appellate case law review

A detailed handout of the presentation will be distributed at the breakout session.

Biographies of Mediation Panel

Moderator: Bryant J. McConkie is a lawyer in Salt Lake City practicing with the law firm Strong & Hanni. He is also an adjunct professor at the University of Utah's David Eccles School of Business teaching Managing Organizational Conflict and Business Law. Bryant practices primarily in the area of domestic relations where he litigates and mediates cases.

Panelists:

Christian W. Clinger is a recognized mediator and attorney throughout Utah. He is listed amongst "Utah's Legal Elite" by *Utah Business Magazine* and a "Rising Star" by *Super Lawyer Magazine*. Christian mediates cases involving divorce, custody, contract/business matters, probate, landlord/tenant, personal injury, and real property. In addition to his private mediation practice, he is the Mediation Coordinator for the Second District Court Bountiful Small Claims and Farmington Appeals.

Karin S. Hobbs is a full time professionally trained mediator who has mediated over 3,500 cases including complex property, contract, business, employment, personal injury, and family disputes.

Joshua King is an attorney and mediator at the law firm of King & King. He earned a Master of Dispute Resolution from Pepperdine University and a Juris Doctor from the University of Tulsa. Josh primarily practices in the areas of family law, personal injury, employment, real estate, estate planning and business. He also serves as a board member for the Utah Council on Conflict Resolution and as the Immediate Past-Chair of the Dispute Resolution Section of the Utah State Bar.

Michele Mattsson is the Chief Appellate Mediator at the Utah Court of Appeals and has mediated over 900 cases. She is active in the dispute resolution community, has written several articles and given numerous presentations regarding ADR. Ms. Mattsson also sits on the University of Utah Board of Trustees.