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Professor Hal Abramson is a full-time faculty member at Touro Law Center, New York, where he has taught, trained, and written on negotiations, mediation, mediation advocacy, and resolving intercultural and international disputes for more than 30 years. He also has taught or trained on dispute resolution in nineteen countries on six continents. While at Touro, he has visited full-time at Cardozo Law School in NYC and UNLV Law School in Las Vegas. He also visited for a year as a Distinguished Visiting Professor at the U.S. Air Force Academy where he assisted in building their negotiation program, including teaching negotiations and training negotiation teachers.

At Touro, Professor Abramson served for nine years as vice dean responsible for academic programs, faculty development, and international programs and was one of the first two faculty members inducted in the Law Center's Builders Society. He also has taught online courses and a range of business-related courses, including contracts, sales, remedies, international business transactions, business organizations, and anti-trust. He established the law school's first summer abroad program at Russia's premier university, Moscow State University, and served as an ABA CEELI (Rule of Law) Specialist in Russia when he worked on two reform projects during Russia's transition to democracy.

Professor Abramson is an experienced domestic and international commercial mediator. He has been selected for the *International Who's Who of Commercial Mediation* since its inaugural year. He also serves on the Association of American Law Schools' twenty-person panel that facilitates strategic planning processes.

Professor Abramson's numerous publications include the leading treatise on representing clients in mediation entitled *MEDIATION REPRESENTATION-Advocating as a Problem Solver* (Aspen 3rd edition, Oxford University Press, and in Russian) (received the annual book award of the CPR Institute for Dispute Resolution). In addition, he co-authored the textbook, *INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION-ADR CONSENSUAL PROCESSES* (West). His recent article on "Nelson Mandela as Negotiator" received the CPR Institute for Dispute Resolution award for the best professional article of 2016.

He served as Chair of the ABA Committee of the Section for Dispute Resolution that drafted the mediation representation rules for its national competition and served as a member of the inaugural committee that launched the International Chamber of Commerce's global mediation competition in Paris. For IMI (International Mediation Institute) in The Hague, he chaired the task force that designed the first ever program for certifying intercultural mediators. He also assisted IMI, International Academy of Mediators (IAM), and the U.S. State Department when the UN (UNCITRAL) drafted the Singapore Mediation Treaty on compliance with mediated settlement agreements. In addition to participating in drafting sessions, he served as an expert advisor to UNCITRAL when he designed three mediation education programs for the UN Delegates. He recently co-chaired the first symposium on the Convention after it was adopted by the General Assembly. It included speakers who helped draft it and prepared chapters for the first book on the Convention.

Professor Abramson was selected by UNLV as one of its first two senior ADR scholars and served as the first Scholar-in-Residence for the International Academy of Mediators (IAM). For his contributions to the field of dispute resolution, he received the 2013 Peace Builder Award from the New York State Dispute Resolution Association.