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Lela Porter Love is a professor of law and director of the Kukin Program for Conflict Resolution at Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. She founded (in 1985) and directs Cardozo's Mediation Clinic, which was among the first clinical programs in the country to train law students to serve as mediators.

Professor Love serves as mediator, arbitrator and dispute resolution consultant in community, employment, family, human rights, school-based and commercial cases. Her mediation of a public policy dispute in Glen Cove, NY, brought widespread publicity to the use of mediation in resolving complex litigation.

An active educator and participant in alternative dispute resolution ("ADR") activities, she has taught courses on Negotiation at New York University and regularly conducts mediation and arbitration training programs for community dispute resolution centers, court-annexed programs, lawyers, judges, corporations, high school students, teachers, administrators, experienced mediators and a variety of other groups. Professor Love developed a "Train the Trainers of Mediators" program and teaching manual for the State of Michigan. She served as a consultant to the State of Florida in implementing its mediator qualification requirements. She has also served as a consultant and trainer to the Louisiana Board of Workers Compensation in designing and implementing a mandatory mediation program for Workers Compensation cases. She is a certified trainer for community dispute resolution centers in NYS and has developed and delivered mediation theory and practice courses at the Dispute Resolution Institute of Hamline University School of Law, which satisfy certification requirements for court-annexed mediation assignments in Minnesota, and at the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of Pepperdine University School of Law.

Professor Love serves on the NYS Unified Court System Alternative Dispute Resolution Advisory Committee and co-chairs the Sub-Committee on Qualifications and Training for Neutrals. She is a member of the Advisory Committee for Project Resolve (a mediation program for persons with HIV) and of the City University of NY Dispute Resolution Consortium, and a member of the Task Force of the NYC Housing Court Mediation Project. She served on the Board of Directors of the Family and Divorce Mediation Council of New York City, on the Arbitration and Dispute Resolution Committee and on the Special Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution of the Association of the Bar of New York City. She has participated in a variety of programs and panels of the Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution (SPIDR) and co-chaired SPIDR's 1999 Conference. She has also served as Co-Chair of the ADR Committee of the Clinical Section of the Association of American Law Schools.

Professor Love has written widely on the topic of mediation and mediated a simulated product liability dispute that was broadcast numerous times by COURT TV.

In addition to her work in ADR, she developed and directed the Small Business Clinic at George Washington University's National Law Center. She received her B.A. from Harvard University, a M.Ed. from Virginia Commonwealth University, and a J.D. degree from Georgetown University Law School. She is a member of the Bar in New York, New Hampshire and the District of Columbia.

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