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Court Mediation Systems and Mediator Ethics

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Room LE9, Library Extension Building
The University of Hong Kong

The use of court mediation has expanded rapidly in the last two decades in the U.S. and around the world. Serious questions exist regarding the design of mediation systems and the ethical standards that should be followed by court mediators. For example, should mediation be voluntary or mandatory? Who should appoint such mediators, the parties or the court? Should mediators have the same immunity as judges? When mediators are appointed, what are their ethical obligations with regard to matters such as confidentiality, impartiality, self-determination and professional advice? How should ethical standards be enforced? What training and education should be required of mediators? Should attorneys have an ethical obligation to advise clients of alternative dispute resolution processes before going to court? Professor Moberly will discuss these and other issues regarding court mediation and mediators.

Professor Robert B. Moberly is Dean Emeritus and Professor at the University of Arkansas Law School, former faculty home of President Bill Clinton, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, and Senator William J. Fulbright. Professor Moberly also is Professor of Law Emeritus at the University of Florida, where he served as Trustee Research Fellow and founding Director of its Institute for Dispute Resolution. Professor Moberly has published extensively in the areas of dispute resolution and labor law. He is a charter member of the Association for Conflict Resolution, and currently serves on the Board of Governors of the National Academy of Arbitrators. Professor Moberly helped develop the court mediation system in Florida, one of the first in the U.S. He also drafted the code of ethics for court mediators in Florida, the first enforceable code in the country.

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