# **Lodestar Mediation Clinic**



The Lodestar Mediation Clinic, an integral component of the nationally recognized Lodestar Dispute Resolution Program, helps students learn about alternatives to litigation while gaining practical experience about the mediation process. Student attorneys experience an intensive training program focusing on the theory, strategy and skills involved in the mediation of legal disputes, then act as mediators in civil (non-family) cases.

## What students do:

- Act as neutral third parties who help Justice Court litigants attempt to resolve their lawsuits before trial.
- Shadow and co-mediate with professional mediators from the EEOC, the law school's Foreclosure Mediation Unit, and private practice.
- Understand that legal disputes oftentimes are more influenced by personal and emotional factors than legal issues.
- Students are required to complete a 25 page paper

## **Course Information:**

- Students earn five graded clinic credits.
- Enrollment is limited to 9 students.
- Students will undergo a background check per Maricopa County Justice Court regulations.
- 3Ls have registration priority over 2Ls; individuals who have applied before and were wait-listed have priority over those who have not previously applied; late applications go to the bottom of the wait-list (if there is one).

#### For More Information Contact:

Suzanne Lynn, Program Coordinator suzanne.lynn@asu.edu

### **Time Commitments:**

- Students must attend a three-day pre-semester training program.
- Classes meet twice weekly.
- Students must block out two 4 hour time periods during the week to attend mediation sessions – one must be in the morning.

# **Mandatory Training:**

Enrolled students must attend three mandatory training sessions. Dates will be provided as soon as they are available. All three sessions are 9am – 5pm.

# To Apply:

- Submit a one page statement of intent to Suzanne Lynn (suzanne.lynn@asu.edu or turn it into her in Room 265) indicating why you are interested in the taking the mediation clinic, your year in law school, and whether you have applied to be in the Mediation Clinic in a prior semester.
- Attend one of two Mediation Clinic information sessions.

