

UPCOMING DISTRICT COURT MEDIATOR EVENTS

April 19th - 23rd (date still open): “Emotion and Reason in Settlement Talks.”

Emotion is often seen as an impediment to “rational” discussion and a “rational” settlement of litigated issues. In this session, Claudia Bernard, a senior mediation attorney in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, will talk to the appellate and district court mediators about the role of emotion in mediation talks and the relationship between emotions and decision-making. Ms. Bernard’s presentation will draw on recent scientific discoveries relating to emotion and will focus on how we, as mediators, can use that research to become more effective.