

Jonathan S. Rosenthal, Director

Jonathan S. Rosenthal, Esquire, is the Director of the Maryland Judiciary's Mediation and Conflict Resolution Office (MACRO). MACRO's mission is to promote the availability, use, and quality of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) throughout Maryland. MACRO does this by 1) collaborating with courts and other justice partners to advance the field of conflict resolution, 2) providing training and presentations to courts, bar associations, and other organizations for skill enhancement, professional growth, and ADR ethics, 3) providing grants to support ADR in courts, communities, academia, and government, 4) working to improve the quality of mediation services by managing the Maryland Program for Mediator Excellence (MPME), 5) supporting, and encouraging research and evaluation of ADR programs and processes, and 6) raising awareness of ADR and providing information to the public to support the appropriate use of ADR by those experiencing conflict.

Prior to returning to MACRO, Jonathan was the Executive Director of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Programs for the District Court of Maryland. There he was responsible for increasing the profile and understanding of ADR in the District Court, educating those within the Judiciary and the general public on the benefits of ADR, and ensuring access to high quality ADR programs. Jonathan started his work in the Maryland Judiciary as MACRO's first Court ADR Resources Director, where he worked with all 24 Circuit Courts, helping to create, expand, improve and/or evaluate ADR programs. He is an adjunct professor teaching negotiation, arbitration and mediation at Anne Arundel Community College, and he has taught mediation in the Mediation Clinic at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law.

Jonathan started practicing law in 1991, and in 1994 he opened his own law office concentrating in family law, personal injury defense, and consumer bankruptcy. Mediation was added to his practice in 1997. Jonathan has served the field through leadership positions within local and national ADR organizations, including: the MSBA's ADR Section (Council member 2000-2006, Section Chair 2004-05); the Maryland Council for Dispute Resolution (MCDR) Executive Council (2002-2005); the Maryland Chapter of the Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR); the international Association for Conflict Resolution (Board of Directors 2011 to 2014, Courts Section Chair 2005-2009); and the ABA's Section of Dispute Resolution. Jonathan is a member of the ADR Subcommittee of the Rules Committee, and he is a founding member and former Chair of the Maryland Mediator Excellence Council. He has also served on a number of ADR rosters, including the District Court of Maryland and several circuit courts around the Baltimore metropolitan area.

Jonathan has created and presented numerous courses, workshops, and trainings under the umbrella of ADR, including among others, Strategies for Conducting Settlement Conferences, Effective Attorney Advocacy in Mediation, Strategic Negotiation for Success, and Working with Attorneys in Mediation. He has presented on a wide variety of other ADR-related topics with the Maryland Judicial Institute, and numerous organizations, law schools, and others, both nationally and locally.

In 2015, Jonathan was honored to be the recipient of the Robert M. Bell Award for Outstanding Contribution to ADR in Maryland, presented by the Maryland State Bar Association Alternative Dispute Resolution Section. In addition to being an MCDR performance-based certified mediator, Jonathan is trained in facilitative and transformative mediation, collaborative law,

arbitration, large group and public policy facilitation, sociocratic decision making, and other collaborative processes, and he has experience practicing in all of these areas.