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ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION IN THE NEW MILLENNIUM

Alternative dispute resolution has greatly expanded over the last several years to include many areas. With this expansion, alternate dispute resolution is being used in virtually every area of conflict resolution. As the new millennium begins, the use of alternate dispute resolution will undoubtedly continue to grow and expand into more areas of conflict resolution.

This first issue of the Pepperdine Dispute Resolution Law Journal addresses the future of Alternative Dispute Resolution in the new millennium with the following articles:

The Future of Alternative Dispute Resolution by Edward A. Dauer addresses the use of alternative dispute resolution in health care. The article provides a historical analysis of medical malpractice and traces the development of ADR in healthcare. The article discusses the benefits that ADR can and will bring to health care in the future.

Mediating on the Internet by James C. Melamed examines internet opportunities for mediation. The article describes how technology benefits mediation, and the different ways mediators can use the internet. The article provides instruction for present and future mediators interested in utilizing the internet for conflict resolution.

Images of Justice by Lela P. Love captures the images of justice using a judge, an arbiter, and a mediator. The article discusses how current practices have strayed from these images. The article addresses the images of justice in the future.

Issues Facing the Family Mediation Field by Joan B. Kelly analyzes a number of important issues confronting family mediation in the new millennium. The article addresses family mediation as an interdisciplinary field and the certification of family mediators. The article also explores how to ensure competence in family mediators.

