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Current Employment

Boston Law Collaborative, LLC – Executive Director and ADR Program Manager (2003 – present)

Israela Brill-Cass is Executive Director and ADR Program Manager at Boston Law Collaborative, LLC. In addition to her experience as a lawyer in private practice, she is also a skilled facilitator and trained mediator. Israela mediates commercial and family law cases, provides facilitation and systems design for workplace conflicts, serves as an in-person hearing officer for wage garnishment matters involving federally-backed student loans and as a Parenting Coordinator in family law matters. She was Co-Chair of Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education (MCLE)'s First Annual ADR and the Law Conference (2009) and is part of MCLE's faculty for mediation training programs. Israela designed and managed the Gillette/Procter and Gamble Severance Denial Appeal Program and she has designed and managed conflict resolution programs for the Superior Court and Commonwealth agencies. During her five years at the Massachusetts Office of Dispute Resolution (MODR), she facilitated intra-agency disputes and created the first federally-funded Agricultural Mediation Program in New England. Israela develops and provides training for mediation, arbitration, negotiation and facilitation skills and she served on a national team of ADR professionals to develop technology quantifying the benefits of mediation. While at the American Arbitration Association, she managed Large Complex Commercial Disputes for cases exceeding \$1 million in claims or counterclaims.

Previous Employment

1998-2003	Massachusetts Office of Dispute Resolution (MODR), Boston, MA ADR Program Manager and Program Coordinator
1996-1998	American Arbitration Association Boston, MA Large, Complex Commercial, Construction and Insurance Case Manager
1996	Workplace and Organizational Management Consultant GWV International/Galilee Tours Needham, MA

	1993-1996	Associate Cass Law Associates Providence & North Kingstown, R.I.
<i>Professional Experience and Skills</i>	Conflict Resolution Program Design and Management	Design, implement and manage individualized dispute resolution programs for public and private agencies and businesses. Conduct stakeholder outreach and assessment develop operational program, materials, standards and guidelines. Programs include Superior Court ADR Program, Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination Mediation Program, Massachusetts Agricultural Mediation Program and Gillette Severance Appeal Program.
	Facilitation	Provide skilled facilitation services for public participation, state and federal agency and court-related as well as private processes including 2002 Governor's Executive Academy, relocation of the Administrative Office of the Trial Court and a national federal government umbrella agency.
	Mediation	Mediate a variety of cases including commercial, workplace and parenting disputes.
	Training	Develop and present 1-2 day training sessions for professionals including: Mediation Family Law Mediation (for Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education) Mediation and Negotiation Skills for Clergy (for Hebrew College Rabbinical School) Negotiation and Conflict Management Facilitation Conversations on Law and Liberty in Times of Crisis (for the Massachusetts Bar Association) Introduction to Arbitration Introduction to Agricultural Mediation Negotiation in a Health and Human Services Environment Intake and Case Assessment

Education and Certification

Juris Doctorate, *Cum Laude*, Suffolk University Law School, 1993
Bachelor of Arts Philosophy and Sociology, *Cum Laude*,
Brandeis University, 1990
U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts, Admitted 1994
Rhode Island Bar, Admitted 1994
Massachusetts Bar, Admitted 1993
1-Day Marital Mediation Certification, 2009
2-Day Collaborative Law Certification, Mass. Collaborative Law Council, 2006
3-Day Certificate in Facilitation, Interaction Associates, 2001
36-Hour Mediation Certification, Mediation Works Incorporated, 1998

Distinctions and Grants

Co-Chair, Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education's First Annual Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) and the Law Conference, 2009

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Managing for Results Initiative Award, 2002 - for receiving certification for and implementing the first Agricultural Mediation Program in New England

USDA Certification and Grant in Excess of \$100K to Develop and Operate Massachusetts Agricultural Mediation Program, 2002

National Distinguished Client Service Recognition Award, American Arbitration Association, 1997

Memberships and Affiliations

American Bar Association
International Academy of Collaborative Professionals
New England Chapter of Association for Conflict Resolution Annual Conference Co-Chair, 2004
Co-Founder and President, Jewish Community of Mansfield (JCOM – no longer active) 2002-2005
Co-Founder and Vice-President, Mansfield Shelter Friends, Inc., 1998-2004
Member, Mansfield Committee on Animal Welfare, 1996-2001

