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### *Current Employment*

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

Israela is Executive Director and ADR Program Manager at Boston Law Collaborative, LLC. In addition to her experience as a lawyer in private practice, she has been a trained mediator and facilitator, since 1998. Israela mediates commercial (including contract, property and employment cases), provides facilitation and systems design for workplace conflicts, serves as a hearing officer and neutral fact-finder, and in family law matters, as a Parenting Coordinator.

Israela is a member of the Administrative Office of the Trial Court's Standing Committee on Dispute Resolution (2011 - ) and she has been Co-Chair of Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education (MCLE)'s Annual ADR and the Law Conferences for each of its first three years (2009-2011). She is part of Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education (MCLE)'s faculty for mediation and ADR training programs and has taught mediation, negotiation, conciliation, and arbitration for more than 10 years in conjunction with a variety of organizations including MCLE, the American Bar Association, The Massachusetts Office of Dispute Resolution (now known as The Massachusetts Office of Public Collaboration), and Boston Law Collaborative, LLC.

Israela has designed and managed conflict resolution programs, including the Gillette/Procter and Gamble Severance Denial Appeal Program, for the Superior Court, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, federal agencies, and corporations. During her five years at the Massachusetts Office of Dispute Resolution, she facilitated intra-agency disputes and created the first federally-funded Agricultural Mediation Program in New England

Israela she served on a national team of ADR professionals to develop technology quantifying the benefits of mediation and during her two years at the American Arbitration Association, she managed Large Complex Commercial Disputes for cases exceeding \$1 million in claims.

In 2011, Israela was recognized as a New England Super Lawyer - a list published annually by Boston Magazine and Thompson-Reuters of lawyers viewed by their peers as being in the top 5% of the profession.

<i>Previous Employment</i>	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, General Litigation Practice  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 training for students and professionals including:  Alternative Dispute Resolution  Mediation  Family Law Mediation (for Massachusetts Continuing

Legal Education)  
Mediation and Negotiation Skills for Clergy (for  
Hebrew College Rabbinical School)  
Agricultural Mediation  
Negotiation and Conflict Management  
Facilitation  
Conciliation  
Arbitration  
Conversations on Law and Liberty in Times of Crisis  
(for the Massachusetts Bar Association)  
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  
1-Day Workplace and Employment Dispute Resolution Certification, 2005  
3-Day Certificate in Facilitation, Interaction Associates, 2001  
36-Hour Mediation Certification, Mediation Works Incorporated, 1998

*Distinctions and  
Grants*

New England Super Lawyer, 2011  
  
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*

Massachusetts Administrative Office of the Trial Court, Standing  
Committee on Dispute Resolution, 2011-Present

International Academy of Collaborative Professionals, 2007-Present

Massachusetts Collaborative Law Council, 2006-Present

New England Chapter of Association for Conflict Resolution, 2003 –  
Present (Annual Conference Co-Chair, 2004)

Co-Founder and Vice-President, Mansfield Shelter Friends, Inc., 1998-2004