

## Michael D. Lang

As a practitioner, educator and author I have been among the leading voices advocating for and encouraging the use of mediation. Over the past 40 years, I have mediated disputes involving divorcing couples and helped resolve probate and other family conflicts. I have also worked to resolve conflicts in businesses, government agencies, universities and other workplace settings.

I was the founding director for one of the first graduate programs in conflict resolution in the US at Antioch University and served in a similar role for the graduate program in dispute resolution at Royal Roads University in Victoria, BC. I also acted as Practicum Director at the graduate dispute resolution program at Sullivan University.

In the past 20 years, I have promoted the use of reflective practice principles and methods through conference presentations, university courses and webinars. As well I helped organize and lead peer mentoring groups for local, regional and national organizations, currently including groups sponsored by ACR, ABA Section of Dispute Resolution, APFM, the Nebraska Mediation Association and Family Mediation Service, Ireland.

My new book, The Practitioners Guide to Reflective Practice in Conflict Resolution (2019), is the first title in the Practitioner Guide Series, a joint venture of the Association for Conflict Resolution and the publisher, Rowman & Littlefield. I serve as co-editor of that series with Susan Terry. In 2000, Alison Taylor and I co-authored The Making of a Mediator: Developing Artistry in Practice, the first book to introduce reflective practice methods and principles to the conflict resolution community. I am the lead author for a series of ebooks, Divorce and Separation: A Practical Guide To Making Smart Decisions. We have published state-specific editions for Florida, Vermont, Oregon, California, Arizona and Massachusetts with versions for New Jersey, Illinois, Pennsylvania, and Colorado in process. For 6 years I served as Editor-in-Chief of *Mediation Quarterly* (now *Conflict Resolution Quarterly*). I am currently Special Advisor and member of the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Mediation and Applied Conflict Analysis*, sponsored by the Edward M. Kennedy Institute at NUI Maynooth, Ireland.