

# KING COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

## Alternative Dispute Resolution December Section Meeting

**Law & Legal CLE Credit – A/V Approval #1215403**

Recorded on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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Meeting Location	Date	Time	Topic
We are continuing 100% remote access meetings.	Thursday, December 9, 2021	11:55 AM to 1:00 PM	Emerging Issues in Court-Adjacent ADR: Washington's New Eviction Resolution Pilot Program

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### AGENDA

**11:55 AM** Introduction

**12:00 PM** Presentation: 'Emerging Issues in Court-Adjacent ADR: Washington's New Eviction Resolution Pilot Program', by Paula Emery, Emery Law and Mediation Services and Jill Sulzberg, City of Bellevue Conflict Resolution Center

In 2021, Washington State became the first state to create a right to pre-filing dispute resolution for residential tenants behind on their rent. This law will significantly increase the visibility of ADR in the area of residential landlord-tenant law and impact our profession materially. This session will discuss emerging issues to the ADR profession presented by the court-adjacent eviction resolution pilot program (ERPP), with an emphasis on issues concerning confidentiality, privilege, and a discussion of the rules impacting both lay mediators and attorney mediators, including WA General Rule 24, RCW 7.75 (Dispute Resolution Centers), RCW 7.07 (Uniform Mediation Act), and the Washington Mediation Standards of Practice.

**1:00 PM** Adjourn

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### SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

**Paula Emery, Emery Law and Mediation Services** – Paula Emery (she/her/hers), Emery Law and Mediation Services, serves nonprofit and individual clients as an attorney and mediator. For Resolution Washington, Paula is supporting the state's 21 dispute resolution centers as they implement the eviction resolution pilot program (ERPP). She also serves as Chair of the King County Bar Association's ADR

Section and as Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Dispute Resolution Center of King County. Born and raised in Nebraska, she's been interested in issues of justice since at least the birth of her little brother, and along with her husband, continues to gain conflict resolution skills as they raise their two daughters.

**Jill Sulzberg, City of Bellevue Conflict Resolution Center** – Jill first volunteered with the Bellevue Conflict Resolution Center in 2008 after completing conciliation and mediation training. Following some time off, Jill returned to the CRC in 2016, and has now joined the Bellevue CRC as a mediator, conciliator, facilitator and part-time staff member. A New York native, Jill went to college and law school in Chicago and lived in west Texas before settling in Bellevue with her family. Outside the office, Jill enjoys running in the woods with her husband and her dog, sea kayaking, gardening and reading fiction.

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