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Lynn Cohn is a Clinical Professor of Law and the Co-Director of the Center on Negotiation and Mediation at Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law. She has developed and taught courses in negotiation, mediation, mediation advocacy, policing, conflict management and problem solving. She also teaches courses at the Law School for the Northwestern Prison Education Program, MSL, Executive LLM and ALLM programs as well as courses in the Management and Organizations Department at the Northwestern Kellogg School of Management. Professor Cohn received the student-voted Outstanding Professor of a Small Class Award, and the Dean's Teaching Award.

Professor Cohn has served as an arbitrator or mediator in over 4,000 cases with an emphasis on employment, and commercial disputes. She has been elected to the Leading Lawyers Network in the categories of ADR Commercial and ADR Employment and the National Association of Distinguished Neutrals. Her practice is national and international in scope and includes projects in Brazil, Israel, Qatar, Abu Dhabi, South Africa, Ghana, London, Paris, Milan, Central America, Ireland and Puerto Rico.

She was appointed to serve as the Special Master in the *McReynolds v. Merrill Lynch* Class Action Settlement in 2013 and has since fulfilled this role in numerous other class actions involving allegations of gender and racial discrimination. As Special Master, Professor Cohn is responsible for distributing the settlement funds to eligible claimants.

Professor Cohn is a frequent speaker and writer on negotiation, mediation and dispute resolution topics. Her recent presentations include a talk at the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals on "Mediation of Civil Rights Disputes" and serving as a panelist on restorative healing and the community at the Journal of Law and Social Policy Symposium. Her recent publications include "Anatomy of a Settlement Fund" (April 2017), "A Model for the Use of ADR to Efficiently Distribute a

Significant Settlement Fund in Mass Claims Litigation Without Sacrificing an Individualized Assessment of Claims” (Spring, 2017), and “Looking at Justice Through a Lens of Healing and Reconnection” (2017, with Buth).

Professor Cohn has trained lawyers, real estate professionals, management and union representatives, government employees, community groups and corporate employees in effective negotiation, mediation, conflict management and arbitration techniques. Clients include the National Association of Realtors, Covington & Burling, Edelman, the American Orthopedic Association, Mesirov Financial, Kirkland & Ellis, Sidley & Austin, Mayer Brown, Katten Muchin & Rosenman, the Illinois Colleges Association, and Lovells.

Professor Cohn received her Bachelor’s degree (Phi Beta Kappa) from the University of Illinois in Political Science and Spanish and Juris Doctorate from Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law. Additionally, she received a Fellowship in a Spanish Master’s Degree Program from the University of Illinois and a Fellowship from the Intensive Foreign Language Institute at the University of California at Berkeley.