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PREFACE

The *Journal of Dispute Resolution* in conjunction with the Center for the Study of Dispute Resolution at the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law is pleased to announce the adoption of a new and permanent feature of the *Journal*. Beginning with this issue, the *Journal* will periodically include a symposium on current issues and events in the field of alternative dispute resolution (ADR). These symposia will be comprised of leaders in the field and are intended to provide a forum for discussion and reflection on important topics that will shape the future of ADR. Each symposium issue will feature the comments of an endowed lecturer who will make a presentation sponsored by the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law. The *Journal* will then invite eminent scholars, judges and practitioners of ADR to reflect and react to the comments of the endowed lecturer. Of course, the *Journal* will continue to provide subscribers with thoughtful independent articles from noted authors in the field as well as student Comments and Notes that survey a particular area of law affecting ADR.

The inaugural symposium, featured in this issue, emanates from the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law's Earl F. Nelson Memorial Lecture given by Professor Frank E.A. Sander, Bussey Professor, Associate Dean, and Director of the Program on Dispute Resolution at Harvard Law School. As a founder of the ADR movement, it is most appropriate that Professor Sander initiate the dialogue that follows in these pages. The faculty of the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law and the staff of the *Journal of Dispute Resolution* intend these symposia to continue to make the *Journal* a forum to promote a system of dispute resolution which responds well to society's needs.

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