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CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

The Journal of Dispute Resolution is an interdisciplinary, academic journal published on a semi-annual basis. It is essential reading for anyone interested in a deeper understanding of the constant developments in dispute prevention and resolution. The Journal features writings on a wide variety of topics of special relevance to lawyers, other dispute resolution practitioners, and scholars from many disciplines concerned with how to prevent and resolve disputes through mediation, negotiation, consensus building, arbitration, and litigation. The Journal, which contains articles written by nationally renowned authors and students from the University of Missouri School of Law, has been published in conjunction with the Center for the Study of Dispute Resolution (CSDR) since 1984.

The mission of the CSDR is to advance the understanding of the nature and causes of conflict, as well as the methods available for managing and resolving conflict. The CSDR fosters comprehensive approaches to lawyering and decision-making through the use of the full array of dispute resolution processes. In support of the Center's mission, the Journal presents articles dealing with philosophical, practical, and political aspects of dispute processing, empirical research concerning how we handle disputes, how to teach dispute resolution, legal aspects of dispute resolution processes, and more.

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Since its inception, the CSDR has provided national leadership in developing law school curricula in dispute resolution. The keystone of this focus was a groundbreaking project integrating dispute resolution instruction into all first-year courses. See *Dispute Resolution in the Law School Curriculum: Opportunities and Challenges, Part I*, 50 FLA. L. REV. 583 (1998). The project evolved into a required, small section first-year course, *Lawyering: Problem Solving and Dispute Resolution*.

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The Center for the Study of Dispute Resolution at the University of Missouri School of Law and the National Academy of Arbitrators (NAA) host an annual writing competition for best articles relating to labor and employment dispute resolution that will be published in the Law School's Journal of Dispute Resolution (JDR). With a generous grant from the NAA Research and Education Foundation, this initiative encourages research and scholarship in the labor and employment field. The annual competition awards a \$3,000 prize for the best published article by an author in academia or professional practice, and a \$1,000 award for the best published comment by a current law or graduate student. The next competition period will open in Summer 2025. Articles for this competition should be submitted by email to: jdr@missouri.edu, with "Labor/Employment DR" in the subject line.

The winners of this past year's competition are **Jared Munster and Taylor Trefger**.

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