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Lynn P. Cohn is the Director of the Center on Negotiation and Mediation at Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law and was awarded the Harry B. Reese Teaching Chair. She has developed and taught courses in negotiation, mediation, mediation advocacy, conflict management and problem solving. Professor Cohn received the student-voted Outstanding Professor of a Small Class Award and the Dean's Teaching Award. 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.

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, Alston & Bird; Covington & Burling, Edelman, the American Orthopedic Association, the Illinois Commerce Commission, Mesirow Financial, Kirkland & Ellis, Sidley & Austin, Mayer Brown, Katten Muchin & Rosenman, the Illinois Colleges Association, the City of Chicago and Lovells.

Professor Cohn has also served as an arbitrator or mediator in over 4000 cases with an emphasis on employment, Title IX and commercial disputes. Her practice is national and international in scope and includes projects in Brazil, Israel, Qatar, Abu Dhabi, South Africa, Ghana, Taiwan, London, Paris, Milan, Central America, Ireland and Puerto Rico.

In 2013, Professor Cohn was appointed as the Special Master in the *McReynolds v. Merrill Lynch* Settlement. In this role, she was responsible for the distribution of \$160 million to claimants alleging racial discrimination in their employment. Since then, she has fulfilled this role in numerous other matters.

Professor Cohn is a frequent speaker and writer on negotiation and mediation topics. In addition, she has published numerous articles and book chapters including: “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” Cardozo Journal of Conflict Resolution 699 (2017) (awarded the Best Short Article by CPR); “Anatomy of a Settlement Fund: How ADR Helped Establish and Deploy a Mass Claims Distribution” 35 Alternatives To The High Cost of Litigation 49 (2017); “Looking at Justice Through a Lens of Healing and Reconnection” 13 Northwestern Journal of Law & Social Policy 1; “Bringing Negotiation Teaching to Life From The Classroom to the Campus to the Community in Venturing Beyond the Classroom 2010”; “We Came, We Trained But Did It Matter” in Rethinking Negotiation Training 2009; “Mediating Employment Disputes” (with Gaffigan); “The Use of ADR in the Settlement of Class Actions”, “Alternative Dispute Resolution, Chap. 14 and 20 (Ill. Inst. For CLE 2001).

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 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.