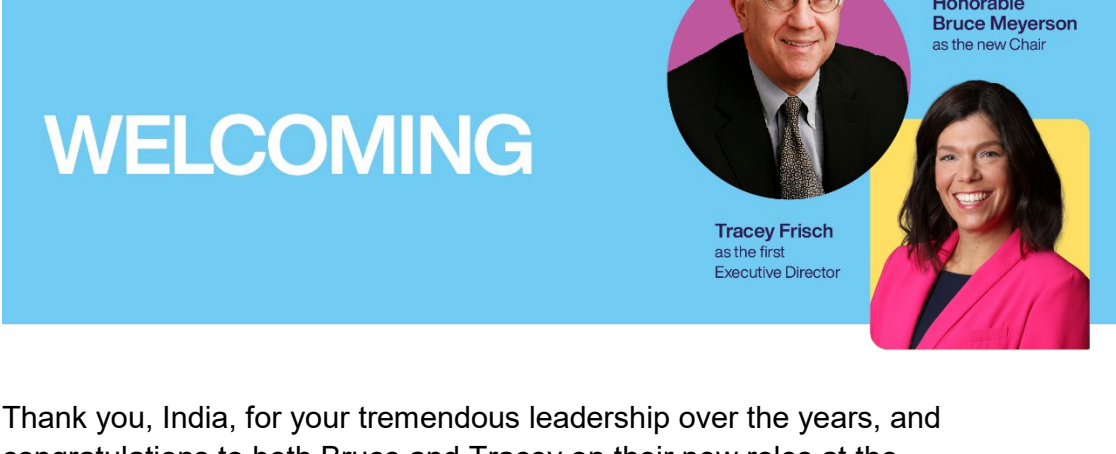




AAA-ICDR Foundation Leadership

The American Arbitration Association-International Centre for Dispute Resolution® (AAA-ICDR®) Foundation thanks India Johnson for her service as Chair of the Foundation since 2022. Under her leadership, the Foundation's giving grew to exceed two million dollars annually in grants, launching new programs, including Special Initiatives Grants and scholarships to law students studying alternative dispute resolution (ADR) at Howard University School of Law and North Carolina Central University School of Law. We are grateful to India for the passion and dedication she brought to the Foundation, always advocating for doing more to make ADR more accessible worldwide.



Thank you, India, for your tremendous leadership over the years, and congratulations to both Bruce and Tracey on their new roles at the AAA-ICDR Foundation. We are excited and eager for the next phase of building the Foundation's commitment to expanding access to alternative dispute resolution.

AAA-ICDR Foundation 2023 Annual Report Released

The AAA-ICDR Foundation recently released their 2023 Annual Report sharing key aspects of grant making from their programs, including the Annual Grant Cycle, Rapid Response Fund, and Diversity Scholarships.

Click [here](#) to access the report.



ANNOUNCING THE 2025 ANNUAL GRANT CYCLE!

The AAA-ICDR Foundation is now accepting grant proposals seeking between \$50,000 and \$250,000 for initiatives focused on utilizing ADR to address any of the 2025 grant cycle's priorities:

- **Bridge Community Conflict** with a focus on civil discourse seeking to mend societal divisions.
- **Prevent and Reduce Violence** with a focus on vulnerable and underserved communities and police/social service partnerships.
- **Support Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion** with a focus on access to justice.

The deadline for interested organizations to submit preliminary applications is Monday, September 9, 2024. A limited number of applicants will be selected by the AAA-ICDR Foundation to draft more extensive proposals.

To apply, please visit <https://www.aaicdrfoundation.org/annual-grant-cycle#application-process>.



AAA Representatives Attend BUILD's Restorative Justice Conference

On May 31, AAA Staff Nerissa Diaz Moisan, Director of ADR Services, and Kelly Turner, Senior Counsel, attended BUILD's 4th Annual Restorative Justice Conference in Chicago, IL. BUILD is one of Chicago's leading gang intervention, violence prevention, and youth development organizations.

This year's theme, "Renewing Hope, Reigniting Vision and Repairing Harm; Restoring Human Connections" centered on renewing BUILD's commitment to positive change.

The opportunity to participate in this conference is a result of the AAA-ICDR Foundation's partnership with BUILD. To learn more about BUILD's mission and powerful impact, [click here](#).

Grantee Presentation at the Association of Conflict Resolution - Greater New York Annual Conference

The AAA-ICDR Foundation, Dayton Mediation Center, and Dignity Best Practices presented their grant collaboration: Alternative Police Response, created by the Dayton Ohio Mediation Response Unit on June 7.

Speakers Tracey Frisch, Aaron Primm, Daniel Kornfield, Samantha Bunecke, and Mary Naoum described how the Dayton Mediation Response Unit was created and implemented and how it successfully operates in the community today.

The City of Dayton's Mediation Response Unit (MRU), under the umbrella of the Dayton Mediation Center, is an alternative response team that answers low emergent 911 calls within the City of Dayton. Their program was formulated after the police reform talks began in 2020 and the working groups identified recommendations for the community of Dayton. They are a team of trained responders with a wealth of experience and certification in areas such as crisis response, de-escalation, conflict resolution, community development, and relationship building. This program brought together the leader of the Dayton MRU, a representative from Dignity Best Practices—the organization that helped Dayton develop the program, and a representative from the AAA-ICDR Foundation—the organization that helped fund the ongoing work of the MRU. If you are interested in how mediation can be leveraged to create an innovative and effective alternative police response, visit www.dignitybestpractices.org to learn more.

New York State Court Presentation at the AAA Annual Board Meeting



At the AAA Annual Board Meeting in May 2024, Assistant Statewide ADR Coordinator Daniel Kos presented on the 2023 grant provided to the New York State (NYS) Unified Court System. The grant was utilized to facilitate Community Dispute Resolution Centers for restorative justice efforts and facilitation expertise to assist the NYS Division of Human Rights in the development of ten Regional Hate and Bias Prevention Councils by providing listening sessions, local action planning, and community dialogue throughout New York.



Diversity Scholarships to Vis Moot in Vienna

The Diversity Scholarship Fund, which provides diverse students or professionals with financial assistance towards, among other programs, attending a well-recognized conference, supported the National University of Lesotho, one of only 12 sub-Saharan African teams to participate in the 31st Willem C. Vis Moot that took place March 21 – 28, 2024.

In September 2023, the team was selected to participate in the competition, embarking on an intense legal journey to prepare themselves with numerous pre-moots and friendly rounds prior to the rounds in Vienna, Austria. In late February, the team participated in the East Africa Pre-Moot in Nairobi, Kenya hosted by Africa in the Moot. They had the opportunity to interact with legal practitioners and other sub-Saharan African teams and benefited greatly from gaining different perspectives on the Vis Moot problem.

Despite the team's hard work, dedication, and the support of both their families and law school, there was little hope of them being able to raise the funds to attend the Vis Moot Court in Vienna, Austria. The generosity of the AAA-ICDR Foundation in March 2024 was the sole reason the team had the opportunity to attend the Vis Moot.

Due to this sponsorship, the team embarked on their journey to Vienna, Austria, excited to see all their hard work manifest into the oral advocacy rounds at the Vis Moot. After competing in the Vis Moot, the team has one thought in the forefront of their mind—how to give back! It is their goal to foster a community of Vis Moot Alumni in Lesotho to assist future teams from their university in the Vis Moot. The team is excited to be a part of the Vis Moot community and has embraced the mantra "same time next year," and will be forever grateful for the life-changing experience that the AAA-ICDR Foundation has provided. With thanks to AAA Vice Presidents Ann Lesser and Ingeuneal Gray who oversee the AAA-ICDR Foundation's **Diversity Scholarship Fund**.

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