The 2016 Weinstein JAMS International Fellows

JAMS is proud to welcome this year’s class of Weinstein JAMS International Fellows. During their time in the U.S., Fellows may be based in a JAMS Resolution Center where they will learn more about dispute resolution processes and practices and pursue a project of their own design that serves to advance the resolution of disputes in their home countries.

Derek Auchie (Scotland) – Mr. Auchie is a mediator and senior fellow at the law school of the University of Aberdeen where he teaches undergraduate and graduate students pursuing degrees in dispute resolution. He also serves as Convener of the Mental Health and Additional Support Needs Tribunals, established to protect against unfair treatment in Scotland. While in the U.S., Mr. Auchie seeks to deepen his knowledge and understanding of mediation and restorative justice to implement dispute resolution reforms in the Scottish justice system, including court-annexed mediation and restorative justice for juvenile and criminal matters.

Katherine Clerides (Cyprus) – Ms. Clerides is a lawyer and President of the Board of Directors of the Glafcos Clerides Institute. She has been actively involved in conflict resolution initiatives to promote peace between Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities throughout her career as a promoter of ADR skills and processes. As part of her fellowship, Ms. Clerides intends to further develop her understanding of ADR techniques by focusing on the concepts of forgiveness and dignity in the mediation of political conflicts to address long-standing interethnic disputes in Cyprus.

Mariana Freitas de Souza (Brazil) – Ms. Freitas de Souza is a lawyer in the litigation department of a leading business law firm in Brazil and volunteer mediator with the bar association and state court of Rio de Janeiro. She serves on the board of directors of the Brazilian Center for Mediation and Arbitration, where she provides training to promote the practice of commercial mediation. In addition, Ms. Freitas de Souza teaches dispute resolution at several law schools throughout the region. While pursuing her fellowship project in the U.S., Ms. Freitas de Souza intends to study dispute resolution system design with particular focus on the use of ODR to resolve consumer disputes in Brazil.
Sherzodbek Masadikov (Uzbekistan) – Mr. Masadikov is a lawyer and post-doctoral researcher specializing in international commercial arbitration and mediation at Tashkent State University of Law. He also serves as Director of the Education Center of the Central Bank of Uzbekistan. He has published numerous articles on ADR, including his doctoral dissertation, the first scholarly research on mediation in Uzbekistan. During his fellowship, Mr. Masadikov will pursue a LL.M. degree in dispute resolution at the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine School of Law. He intends to apply research completed during his fellowship to establish an ADR center to provide dispute resolution training and services to citizens and business communities in Uzbekistan.

Mahmoud Kamal Mohamed Mourad (Egypt) – Mr. Mourad is a judge of the Technical Bureau of the Court of Cassation in Cairo. In his judicial capacity, he further serves on the Higher Commission of Legislative Reform, where he works to improve the conditions for mediation in Egypt. Following his fellowship, he will implement training workshops for family court personnel to enhance their use of mediation, with the aim of establishing a comprehensive court-based ADR delivery system. As part of his ongoing work on legislative reform, he intends to submit a report and recommendation regarding the use of mediation to the Egyptian judiciary.

Adolphe Mushizi Mwendambali (Democratic Republic of the Congo) – Mr. Mushizi is a lawyer and member of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. As part of this mission, he is working to create a culture of dispute resolution through a pilot project in the North and South Kivu provinces that introduces students at selected Congolese universities and high schools to conflict resolution techniques. During his fellowship, Mr. Mushizi intends to strengthen his skills and understanding of organizational conflict and dispute resolution system design to apply to a wide range of institutional and communal contexts in the promotion of peace, collaboration and dialogue throughout the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Giorgi Tsertsvadze (Georgia) – Mr. Tsertsvadze is the managing partner of J&T Consulting, LLC and an associate professor of law at Tbilisi State University. A mediation scholar and practitioner, he also serves as Chairman of the Board of the Georgian Association of Mediators, recently charged with drafting mediation legislation for Georgia. During his fellowship project in the U.S., Mr. Tsertsvadze intends to gain additional knowledge and experience regarding best ADR practices in the U.S. to advance the further development of mediation and dispute resolution processes in Georgia. He hopes to contribute to the transformation of Georgian legal education and practice through the development of ADR in Georgia.

Bernadette Uwicyeza (Rwanda) – Ms. Uwicyeza is a lawyer, certified mediator, and Senior Technical Advisor to the Kigali International Arbitration Center (KIAC). Formerly Secretary General of KIAC, she led the Center’s strategic development in establishing and expanding the use of arbitration and other collaborative forms of dispute resolution. As Senior Technical Advisor, her efforts now focus on establishing the use of community mediation in commercial matters and contributing to legislative reform to improve the practice of mediation throughout Rwanda. While in the U.S., Ms. Uwicyeza plans to study various forms of mediation, including community and court-connected programs, to further develop a culture of mediation in Rwanda.

Farjana Yesmin (Bangladesh) – Ms. Yesmin is a Joint District and Sessions Judge and the first woman to have been appointed Deputy Registrar in the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. As part of her current responsibilities as Deputy Registrar, she facilitates coordination between the Supreme Court, the Ministry of Justice, and other key stakeholders regarding the implementation of judicial initiatives. Upon completion of her fellowship, she intends to continue her work at the court, designing and developing ADR procedures with particular focus on family matters to promote dispute resolution mechanisms to advance empowerment of women in Bangladesh.