CHAMPIONSHIP PEDIGREE  Daniel Weinstein left the bench 32 years ago to start JAMS with several of his peers. “We all loved doing settlements and wanted to do it full-time. People said we were crazy, but we were at the right place at the right time.”

EXPERIENCE & EXPERTISE  As part of his ADR career, Weinstein has worked with an apprenticeship program for young people who ultimately became mediators. He has also worked on new approaches to ADR. “A few of us have been innovative about class actions, American Indian reservation matters and environmental class actions. For example, I have resolved cross-border issues of indigenous populations suing over environmental patents. These were innovative mediations to settle large deals.” In 2008, he established the Weinstein JAMS International Fellowship Program. “We’ve brought over 100 fellows from 70 countries to learn our ADR systems and then go home to practice conflict resolution.” Weinstein has been honored with the International Advocate for Peace Award from the Cardozo Journal of Conflict Resolution. “That was in recognition for work with the fellows, as well as some work I did in Bosnia. I spent two years there mediating between Serbs, Muslims and Croats to distribute $14 billion as part of a privatization.”

FUTURE VISION  Weinstein is launching a new foundation, Weinstein ADR International, with several colleagues. “We just incorporated and will fund and carry out regional efforts to solve regional problems with fellows placed around the world. Each one deals with region-specific issues, like migration in the Middle East and slave trade in the Mekong Delta. We are finding regional issues where the fellows all come together and use their mediation skills and contacts to make an impact on these problems. I’m spending about half my time on the foundation work.”