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Mark Appel is Senior Vice President of the International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR). ICDR is the international division of the American Arbitration Association (AAA), the world's largest provider of private dispute prevention, conflict management and dispute resolution services, education, and training since 1926. A member of the Association's senior management team, Mr. Appel is charged with primary responsibility for ICDR operations in Europe, the Middle East and Africa. During his 30+ years of global dispute resolution experience, Mr. Appel has managed virtually every aspect of AAA administrative, education and outreach services.



Mr. Appel opened ICDR's first non-US office in May 2001 in Dublin, Ireland. Working with company law departments and outside counsel, Mr. Appel has helped build understanding and use of ICDR services across the EMEA region. Mr. Appel has also worked with conflict management community stakeholders (e.g. Chambers of Commerce; Law Societies; Bar Councils; Ministries of Justice; State Attorneys General; Judiciary; leading companies and law firms) in Ireland, Bahrain, Cameroon, Egypt, France, Germany, Italy, Kosovo, Lebanon, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Tunisia, Turkey, UAE and the UK to further the effective use of mediation and arbitration. Highlights include working with stakeholders in Ireland to create modern enabling legislation for arbitration and mediation; training Judges and lawyers in Malta in connection with Malta's mandatory mediation scheme; conceiving and creating a new global NGO focused on quality assurance in mediation (the International Mediation Institute (<http://www.imimmediation.org>); providing critical design and start up assistance to an AAA joint venture with the Kingdom of Bahrain (<http://www.bcdr-aaa.org>); ongoing assistance to UNCTAD-WTO in providing advice and assistance to start-up dispute resolution centers in Europe, Africa and Asia; creation, in 2004, of ICDR Young and International, a global networking/education organization for young internationalists now including over 2,400 Associates in 96 countries; mediation skills training in Prague at the request of the International Bar Association, Tripoli, Lebanon, in cooperation with Lebanese NGO Azm & Saade Association and Manama, Bahrain for Saudis and Bahrainis in cooperation with the Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution (BCDR-AAA).

Mr. Appel has taught arbitration law and procedure and overview courses in dispute resolution at the graduate and post-graduate (law) levels. Mr. Appel has trained legal and business professionals and government staff on four continents in negotiation, mediation and arbitration skills, both on behalf of the ICDR-AAA and on behalf of state court systems and professional associations. He is a frequent lecturer at educational forums convened by industry and professional associations internationally.

Mr. Appel is an experienced mediator and founding, now honorary member of the Board of Directors of the International Mediation Institute.

Mr. Appel received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Manhattan College and his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Denver College of Law.

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