

Alyson Carrel

Alyson Carrel is a Clinical Associate Professor at Northwestern Pritzker School of Law and the Assistant Director of their nationally recognized Center on Negotiation and Mediation. For the past two years, she also served as the law school's first appointed Assistant Dean of Law and Technology Initiatives.

In these roles, she received a grant to purchase wearable cameras for negotiation simulation courses, a fellowship to integrate the [A2J Author](#) platform in a mediation advocacy clinic, and launched TEaCH LAW, a demonstration series for instructional technology. Today, as part of a small working group of individuals from Thomson Reuters, Michigan State, Suffolk, and Vanderbilt law schools, she is developing a new client-driven lawyering model for the 21st century that recognizes the importance of technology fluency and emotional intelligence in the delivery of legal services called the [Delta Model](#).

Carrel is an active leader, presenter, and trainer in dispute resolution. Since 1993, she has been exploring the process of mediation and how it can benefit underrepresented populations and enhance access to justice. She has provided negotiation and dispute resolution training for a wide variety of clients including large law firms like Baker McKenzie, court systems/programs such as the Cook County Juvenile Court Child Protection Mediation Program, government organizations such as HUD, and nonprofit organizations including the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

Carrel has mediated a wide range of disputes and was selected to participate as a neutral in the *McReynolds v. Merrill Lynch* class action settlement. Prior to her appointment at Northwestern Law, Carrel was the Training Director at the Center for Conflict Resolution, one of the nation's largest and longest-running community mediation centers, where she directed and lectured in the 40-hour mediation skills training and mediated court-referred cases.

Before attending law school and prior to working at CCR, Carrel managed the Dependency Mediation Program for the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida, which provides mediation services to parties involved in child protection/dependency matters. She also worked with the Juvenile Mediation Clinic at the University of Florida School of Law, where she helped train and manage law school clinic students in small-claims mediation, victim-offender mediation, and conflict resolution skills.

Carrel received her JD from the University of Missouri-Columbia, where she published a case note on drafting an effective ADR contract clause and was the Editor in Chief of the *Journal of Dispute Resolution*. She received her BA in Women's Studies from the University of Florida where she wrote a thesis focused on domestic relations mediation.