



## **FSRI UPDATE- FALL 2019**

### **India**

**November, 2019-** An FSRI delegation of Vic, FSRI Ambassador Jennifer Brandt, Neel Chatterjee of the Goodwin LLP firm, Shirish Gupta of JAMS, in coordination with Laila Ollapally and Rukmani Menon of CAMP, participated in various mediation initiatives in Bangalore, including: auditing of the Consumer Court program, meetings/trainings with judges and mediators of the Consumer Court program; meeting with major law firm lawyers on mediation initiatives and techniques for persuading clients to use ADR/mediation in commercial and corporate matters; visiting and related mediator conferences at the Bangalore Mediation Center; meeting with corporate and venture capital representatives on the use of mediation in business transactions; and coaching and strategic planning with CAMP officers/mediators.

In addition, at the invitation of the Mediation & Conciliation Committee of the Calcutta High Court, FSRI and CAMP participated in a joint delegation to Calcutta to assess and make recommendations as to the operations of the Calcutta High Court Mediation Center, and those of the Commercial and District Courts. The delegation met and consulted with, and made presentations to, the High Court Justices and members of its Mediation Committee, legal representatives of public and private business entities, law firms, bar association officers and mediators, and provided training, coaching and systems assessment as appropriate.

## Eastern Europe

- **May, 2019-** An FSRI delegation of Vic and Jennifer Brandt visited Bulgaria, the Republic of Georgia and Croatia, to carry out the following activities/initiatives:

- **Bulgaria-** meetings w officers of the Sofia Chamber of Commerce to discuss more extensive use of mediation to service its members, use of on-line dispute resolution (ODR); advanced mediation training for mediators at the Bulgarian mediation center; judge training on proper selection of cases for referral and techniques for efficient and quality referrals; meetings with the Deputy Minister of Justice on new mediation programs, ODR, legislative initiatives to support mediation; and a presentation to law and business students at New Bulgaria University Law School on mediation and ADR techniques and strategies; meeting w administrators of the Bulgarian Mediation Center on techniques and practices for effective operation and administration of the City program.

- **Republic of Georgia-** presentations on dispute resolution design for employment disputes at conferences sponsored by the European Business Association and J&T Consulting to an audience of corporations, in-house counsel, accountants, law firm attorneys, human resource professionals and NGOs; panel interview on national TV on mediation in business disputes; training of attorneys on use of mediation and effective skills to represent clients in mediation.

- **Croatia-** meetings with executives of the Croatian Bar Association and trainings of lawyers on strategic use of mediation and ADR to better serve clients and expand services, and methods to convince clients to use mediation; presentations before the Croatian Association of Women on mediation techniques and dispute resolution; training of mediators of the Croatian Mediation Association; and presentation to students of the Verna Business School on mediation/ADR in the future of business and cross-border transactions.

## **Outreach and Presentations**

- FSRI participated in the 2019 Weinstein JAMS International Fellows Retreat in September, where global leaders in ADR were trained about dispute resolution processes and practices and how to design projects to advance the resolution of disputes in their home countries. This collaborative participation with the Fellows has greatly enhanced the global reach of ADR and identified host country resources and stakeholders for both of our organizations, for which we are very grateful. The JAMS International Fellowship continues to be one of the leading programs of its kind around the globe.