

**The William S. Richardson School of Law
Conflict Management Institute**

Conflict Management Speaker Series

“Mediating Polarized Public Disputes”

FEBRUARY 12, 2020, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m., Cades Schutte Classroom (Classroom 2)

Public Policy Mediator Susan Podziba will discuss mediating sensitive policy, social justice, and cross-cultural issues, and raise ideas about local and national opportunities to make mediation work. Susan’s presentation will help us consider what is possible in addressing and resolving challenging conflicts among Hawaii’s communities.



Susan Podziba, Principal at Podziba Policy Mediation, has been a public policy mediator for more than 25 years. She has worked on many challenging disputes, such as those between Israelis and Palestinians and leaders of the pro-life and pro-choice movements. Her 2018 research article explored the unique challenges of mediating sacred land disputes, including at Mauna Kea, and Civil Beat interviewed her about her conclusions. Susan is the author of *Civic Fusion: Mediating Polarized Public Disputes* (2012) and *Our Cities: From Corruption to Participatory Democracy* (2017) and she has written many journal, magazine, and newspaper articles on public policy mediation.

Susan is director of the Sacred Lands Project which was founded in conjunction with the MIT-Harvard Public Disputes Program, and is currently a faculty member for the Harvard Negotiation Institute senior executive course, *Advanced Mediation Workshop: Mediating Complex Disputes*.

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Future presentations in the 2020 series include:

June 19, 2020: Jim Melamed & Colin Rule on Technology in Mediation

November 10, 2020: Nina Meierding on Family Law Dispute Resolution