The Advocacy & Dispute Resolution (ADR) Emphasis Program is designed for students who will pursue a career in litigation as well as alternative dispute resolution, with work that might include arbitration or mediation. This certificate program complements Chapman’s overall commitment to training competent, ethical lawyers by offering foundational courses that are fundamental to virtually all areas of legal practice.

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Owner and Professional Family Mediator, San Diego Family Mediation Center

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT
Amanda Singer (JD ’13) wasted no time in forging her path after law school. After earning her JD from Chapman University Dale E. Fowler School of Law, where she participated in the school’s popular Mediation Clinic, Singer became a full-time mediator and co-owner of a dedicated mediation center.

As part of the Fowler School of Law Mediation Clinic, Singer mediated cases in the Riverside Superior Court and helped found the clinic’s Juvenile Mediation Program. After graduating and passing the bar, she worked as a family mediator until March of 2015 when she became co-owner of the San Diego Family Mediation Center.

“I knew I wanted to work in mediation and I knew that I wanted to focus on Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), and so I did that,” she said in an interview on the ADR as a First Career blog. “I think it’s really important to focus as early as you can and come out of law school … showing that you specialized, because that’s what people want to see.”

SELECT EMPLOYERS & EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
- District Attorney’s Office
- Public Defender’s Office
- Asian Pacific American Dispute Resolution Center
- Mediation Clinic at Riverside County Superior Court

RELATED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS & COMPETITION TEAMS
- Advocacy & Dispute Resolution Board
- Appellate Moot Court Board
- Mock Trial Board
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University of Pennsylvania, Juris Doctor in Law
University of Wisconsin-Madison, Bachelor of Arts
• Coaches teams for interscholastic competitions in trial and appellate advocacy, arbitration, pretrial advocacy, mediation, negotiations, and client counseling
• Her teams have competed on the national and international level
• Currently serves on the International Client Counseling Competition Committee, and the International Negotiation Competition Committee
• Chairs the International Law School Mediation Tournament
• Practiced with two of the largest law firms in Philadelphia
• Previously the Director of Legal Research and Writing at George Washington University Law School
• Served on the ABA-Law Student Division Competitions Committee for 12 years

REQUIRED COURSES
• Client Interviewing & Counseling
• Negotiations
• Trial Practice

ELECTIVES
• Arbitration
• Clinics
• Mediation
• Pre-Trial Civil Practice
• Law and Motion

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