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Center Directors:

The most recent edition of the State Bar ADR Section's "ADR Quarterly" is attached. Of particular note are articles on "humanizing" legal education (which credits CDRP centers for working with law students) and an overview of a recent Court of Appeals case again affirming that settlement agreements are to be enforced through contract law. The "practice note" accompanying the article says that "[t]his case underscores the need for a mediator to insist that the written settlement agreement spell out clearly what the obligations of the parties are with respect to the issues." A copy of the unpublished decision is also attached.

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