

# Deborah Hankinson Honored Among Best Lawyers in Dallas for ADR Practice

## *News*

Attorney Deborah Hankinson has been selected for the 14th time to D Magazine's list of the Best Lawyers in Dallas for her practice in conflict resolution.

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# The Importance of a Mediation Provision in Construction Contracts

## *Insight*

A construction contract's dispute resolution clause is a topic that frequently comes up during the drafting of an agreement, writes Mark A. Cobb of Cobb Law Group.

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# When an Arbitration Clause Sounds Permissive But Is Not:

# Does 'May' Really Mean 'Must'?

## *Insight*

Narges Kakalia of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo asks and then answers some pointed questions about arbitration in an article on the firm's ADR Advice website.

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# Conflict Resolution Group Blasts Trump's Statement on Judge

## *News*

CPR said it took this position in response to recent statements made by Trump questioning the impartiality of Judge Gonzalo P. Curiel because of his Mexican heritage, and also questioning whether a Muslim judge could fairly preside over a case involving him.

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# American Rule Prevails on Petition to Vacate

# Arbitration Award

## *Article*

While parties can modify the American Rule in their contracts, they cannot preclude either party from seeking review of an arbitration award when they have effectively incorporated the FAA into their contracts, reports Squire Patton Boggs.

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## Pre-Dispute Arbitration Clauses: Taking the Alternative Out of Dispute Resolution

## *White Paper*

Binding individual customers to mandatory arbitration before a dispute arises, rather than encouraging its voluntary use, is harmful to public interest and consumer protection.