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# WHAT WERE YOU THINKING!?

Unconscious  
Assumptions and  
Biases in Mediation.

**28 SEPTEMBER 2023**

Program: 1 pm - 5 pm  
Reception: 5 pm - 6 pm

**IN-PERSON EVENT**

Hanson Bridgett  
425 Market Street  
San Francisco, California

\$60 for TMS members  
\$120 for Non-members

## SPEAKERS:

Chief Justice Tani Cantil-  
Sakauye (Ret.)  
Deirdre Chriss  
Shirish Gupta  
Howard Herman  
Yolanda Jackson  
Sara Peters  
Mark Petersen  
Stephen Sulmeyer  
Prof. Richard Tarnas (Keynote)  
Eric Tate  
Claudia Viera  
Juan Walker



**MCLE Credits (3)**

2 units Elimination of Bias  
1 unit General

MCLE Approval Pending



Underlying assumptions and biases in mediation which often go unexamined:

- Settlement negotiations should focus on **objective criteria** and **outcome predictions**
- Participants are *rational actors*
- Mediators should attempt to persuade in the same way regardless of a person's background
- It is *not* the job of the mediator to call out prejudice or bias in the mediation

Experienced mediators and users of mediation will help us to **understand common assumptions** and **implicit biases** about the mediation process and to **explore bias-reducing strategies**

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