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SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE

Carolyn Chalmers is the Director of the Office for Conflict Resolution at the University of Minnesota. In this role she designed and administers a dispute resolution system for faculty and staff employment disputes at the University. In academic year 2006-07 she also served as the Interim Director of the Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action.

Ms. Chalmers is annually recognized by her peers as among the top 40 Alternative Dispute Resolution practitioners in Minnesota. Her work as a neutral focuses on employment, sexual harassment and higher education conflicts. She is a lecturer at the University's Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs and an Adjunct Professor at the Law School where she co-teaches an upper level ADR course. She also teaches an ADR component in Civil Procedure to first year students at the Law School. She teaches ADR in Istanbul, Turkey on an annual basis as a guest of Bahçeşehir University and the Turkish Bar Association.

Ms. Chalmers has over seventeen years of experience as an employment litigator--at Pepin Dayton Herman & Graham where she became a partner and later at the Leonard Street & Deinard law firm where, as a partner, she served on the Executive Committee and chaired the Employment Department. She has been lead counsel for plaintiff classes in discrimination cases as well as for employers defending class complaints and implementing consent decrees. She has been recognized as one of the top 50 Twin City women attorneys in the decade of the '90s.

Ms. Chalmers received her J.D. degree *cum laude* from the University of Minnesota Law School. She has a B.A. degree with distinction in English literature from Carleton College, *magna cum laude*, *Phi Beta Kappa*, and an M.A. degree in Anthropology from Brandeis University. She has received distinguished alumni awards from Carleton College and from the University of Minnesota Law School.

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