

Media's mediation and other matters: faith-based dispute resolution in Canada

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This presentation focuses attention on media portrayals of Islam, Muslims, and other cultural and religious minorities in the current public policy debates about faith-based dispute resolution in Canada. Questions are raised about the extent to which B.C.'s *Commercial Arbitration Act* provides for faith-based arbitration, and whether this statute adequately protects vulnerable participants in family arbitration processes. Human rights concerns about application of Islamic law in arbitration processes are discussed in relation to critiques of alternative dispute resolution, including mediation, that have persisted in North America for more than two decades.