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Ms. Podziba is listed on credential-evaluated rosters including: United Nations Mediation Roster; National Roster of Environmental Dispute Resolution and Consensus Building Professionals of the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution; and the Massachusetts Office of Dispute Resolution Public Policy Mediator Affiliates.

A Fulbright Senior Specialist in Peace and Conflict Resolution at the Amsterdam Centre for Conflict Studies at the University of Amsterdam, Netherlands, Ms. Podziba has also taught negotiation and mediation courses as Lecturer at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Faculty Associate at the Program On Negotiation at Harvard Law School. She currently lectures internationally.

Examples of her past projects include:

- **Global Climate Change Forest Policy, Forest Carbon Work Group (FCWG), American Forestry Association:** mediated negotiations among forty-five organizational representatives of landowners, conservationists, wildlife protection, and the paper, forestry, energy, and financial industries to develop a consensus forestry policy platform for federal climate legislation.
- **Conflict Management and Peacebuilding Workshops for Sudanese Women in conjunction with U.S. Institute of Peace:** co-trained Sudanese women in preparation for participation in United Nations and African Union-sponsored peace negotiations in Doha.
- **Worker Safety Standards Negotiated Rulemaking, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) of the U.S. Department of Labor:** mediated negotiations of twenty-three government and stakeholder representatives to develop federal consensus standards to protect construction workers in, on and near cranes.
- **Dutch Inter-Ministerial Task Force on Terrorism and Radicalization:** consultations on strategies for initiating dialogue with Dutch Muslim communities and responding to far-right anti-immigration groups.
- **Chelsea Charter Consensus Process, Massachusetts Executive Office of Administration and Finance:** designed and mediated consensus process that integrated civil society advice into formal negotiations for constructing a new governance structure. It re-engaged citizens in self-governance after corruption led the state to strip the city government of its authority.

Ms. Podziba's forthcoming book, *The Art of Mediating Public Disputes* (working title), will be published in 2011. Media outlets including *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *The Boston Globe*, *FastCompany*, National Public Radio, and affiliates of all major U.S. television networks have reported on her projects.