The Conflict Paradox. Seven Dilemmas at the Core of Disputes

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Kevin Avruch, dean and professor, The School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution, George Mason University

"I strongly recommend this book to any professional who wants to stretch the boundaries of his or her thinking and skills in working with others."

Arnold T. Shienvold, PhD, past president, Association for Conflict Resolution and Association of Family and Conciliation Courts

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