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DISPUTE RESOLUTION



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Public v. Private ADR

Today, there are a multitude of public and private alternative dispute resolution options available to parties, and ADR is a consideration in virtually every civil case filing at some point in the process. For many, the best ADR alternatives are still within the public system, particularly when cost is a factor. The California Courts, for example, have some of the most robust and comprehensive ADR programs in the country.

In some instances, however, parties may be better served through private ADR programs, particularly when there is a need for a neutral with specific experience or training, complex multi-party administration, unique or flexible processes, or even a pressing need to have a matter heard.

When it is determined that a case is better heard through a private ADR administrator, the National Arbitration Forum (FORUM) offers parties a distinct advantage.



THE LEADER THAT FOLLOWS THE LAW

The FORUM is one of the world's leading providers of alternative dispute resolution services with more than 1,500 highly qualified arbitrators and mediators who are located in every state and in 29 countries.

- All are seasoned judges and attorneys with 15+ years of experience.
- All are trained in the art of dispute resolution and certified under the rules of the jurisdiction in which they practice.
- When making decisions, they follow the substantive law—always.

FORUM neutrals have broad experience in administering both state and local ADR programs, offering parties the same outcomes as court, but at a fraction of the time and cost. And, The FORUM offers specially trained panels to serve highly focused practice areas, such as personal injury, insurance, healthcare, employment, finance, real estate, construction, automotive, intellectual property, and more.

THE FORUM AND THE CJA

The National Arbitration Forum is sensitive to the issues facing today's judiciary. From *Hartford v. Superior Court* to the public-private partnership for providing the most effective dispute resolution to litigants, the FORUM is actively involved in working with the courts and the legislature to help shape

the ADR market into a best practices forum that meets the needs of all parties' interests.

Throughout its 20-year history, the FORUM has always been a vital resource for the courts and attorneys, and has provided counsel for information and guidance on ADR related issues, including:

- Sponsorship of the of the ADR Institute at the William Mitchell College of Law, which published the *Judicial Benchbook* (available upon request)
- Development of i-Mediate, an online mediation program currently in beta testing
- Sponsorship of numerous ADR activities and events, including an Arbitration Competition for law students. Hosted in conjunction with the ABA Law Student Division, the Arbitration Competition National Finals will be held at the William Mitchell College of Law on November 18, 2005.
- Sponsorship of the Tort, Trial, and Insurance Practice Section; General Practice Solo and Small Firm Section; and the Litigation Section of the American Bar Association
- Establishing an online ADR thought leadership blog at:
<http://arbitration-forum.blogspot.com/>
- Creation of ADR educational websites

ABOUT US

Since 1986, the FORUM has provided out-of-court solutions to resolve disputes more efficiently, cost-effectively, and amicably. Our distinguished panel of over 1,500 legally trained mediators and arbitrators, located in all 50 states and 29 countries, resolves cases by applying substantive law, offering parties the same outcomes as court, but at a fraction of the time and cost. Our solutions are used by parties in all areas of practice, including personal injury, insurance, healthcare, employment, finance, construction, real estate, automotive, and more. We can tailor solutions to meet your clients' unique needs—from small claim mediation to complex multi-party arbitration.

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