

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Alternative dispute resolution (ADR) methods can in many cases be less costly than engaging in traditional litigation. Becker attorneys are certified in representing parties from a variety of disciplines in ADR proceedings including mediation and arbitration.

Mediation

The role of the mediator is to reduce obstacles to communication, assist in the identification of issues and exploration of alternatives, and otherwise facilitate voluntary dispute resolution. The mediator is a neutral and impartial third person who acts to encourage and facilitate the resolution without prescribing what it should be. It is an informal and non-adversarial process intended to help disputing parties reach a mutually acceptable agreement.

Arbitration

As the most formal alternative to litigation, arbitration is generally considered a more efficient process than litigation because it is quicker, less expensive, and provides greater flexibility of process and procedure. The decision of the arbitrator at the end of the hearing is final and binding.