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Program for Consultations in Dispute Resolution



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The Program for Consultations in Dispute Resolution provides on-site consultations to district and bankruptcy courts that want to establish a court-based alternative dispute resolution (ADR) program or enhance or examine an existing program. Assistance is tailored to each court's specific needs and is provided by highly qualified judges, administrators, and scholars.

The Program for Consultations in Dispute Resolution provides consultation on most dispute resolution topics, including

- designing an effective ADR program
- using ADR in case management
- anticipating and preventing ethical problems
- establishing and managing a panel of neutrals
- using ADR in the bankruptcy context
- managing a court ADR program
- monitoring and evaluating an ADR program

Courts with needs or interests outside these topics should contact one of the staff members listed below to determine how the program might be helpful to them.

The Program for Consultations in Dispute Resolution was created with the guidance of an advisory committee assembled by the Federal Judicial Center to help courts implement statutory requirements and Judicial Conference policy. The program is funded by a grant from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §629.

Consultants

Program consultants are district, bankruptcy, and magistrate judges; court administrators; ADR program administrators; and academics—all with substantial, hands-on experience with court ADR programs. Every consultant has participated in program-specific training conducted by the Federal Judicial Center.

Eligibility and Preparation

U.S. district and bankruptcy courts are eligible for the Program for Consultations in Dispute Resolution. The existence of an established ADR program in the court is not a factor; courts with and without programs may apply.

Courts may seek consultations while funding lasts. The Center will pay all costs of sending consultants to a court and will supply printed

materials before the visit. (Note: Funding will support consultations in only about a third of U.S. courts.)

Courts applying for a consultation will be asked to provide information to help staff identify appropriate consultants and outline a consultation plan. When the application has been accepted, consultants and program staff will work with the court to prepare for the visit. After the visit, the court will be asked for an assessment of the consultation.

Confidentiality

Anything the Center and consultants learn about the court or receive from it during consultation will be kept confidential unless the court expressly permits otherwise.

Application

Contact either of these staff members to request a consultation.

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