

Alternative Dispute Resolution

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Overview

In today's fast-moving and litigious world, disputes are a fact of business life. Presenting them to state or federal courts is often expensive, time consuming and carries no guarantee regarding outcome. At Dykema, our litigators are always working with clients to increase efficiencies and reduce the cost of legal services. As such, we were one of the first major law firms in Michigan to offer alternative dispute resolution (ADR) services.

ADR is a time-tested method of discreetly resolving differences between parties before they lead to extended, expensive public litigation and trial. It is ideally suited for settling sensitive or complex issues that are best not aired in a public forum. Our ADR services can be introduced at any point in a dispute—before, during or after a lawsuit—and we help clients consider, evaluate and adopt the most appropriate ADR method for a specific controversy. We are proficient in representing parties in formal and informal arbitration, mediation, facilitation, summary jury trial and other ADR processes. Our experience includes representation in court-sponsored facilitation and mediation, private arbitration proceedings, and before international tribunals such as the International Court of Arbitration, the U.S.-Iran Claims Tribunal and the Albanian Claims Settlement Commission. We also assist with designing comprehensive ADR programs to reduce the time, cost and aggravation of repetitive, ongoing disputes.