

ADR LAW NOTES



Legal Developments, Issues and Other Matters of Interest Concerning Alternative Dispute Resolution

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VARIOUS USES OF MEDIATION

Did you know that mediation, a favored ADR technique within DLA, is also used in the medical community? Some physician service organizations offer the opportunity for a patient and their doctor to meet in mediation to discuss problems that have arisen between them.

Did you know that a mediation program has been established in Florida to resolve disputes between owners of mobile homes and mobile home communities relating to maintenance, landscaping and infrastructure?

Did you know that a series of one-on-one mediations between an Australian cyclist and his teammates has helped the cyclist return to competition?

Did you know that with a mediator's help, parties to a divorce can work through all their issues including child custody?

The goals in these examples are the same as they are in DLA – to reduce stress, cost and hostilities during a dispute resolution process, and to encourage cooperative decision making. Participation does not prevent parties from using legal proceedings; it just offers them the opportunity for a more rewarding experience.

SUPERVISORS RECEIVE ADR TRAINING

ADR training was provided to first line supervisors with more than two years experience, supervisors with more than ten years experience, and supervisors of supervisors during DLA Enterprise Leader Development Program (ELDP) workshops in FY 06. Training was provided by ADR Specialists at HQs, Columbus, Philadelphia, Richmond and

Battle Creek. New supervisors receive on-line, as well as classroom ADR training. For additional training opportunities, contact your ADR Specialists located in each of your field legal offices.

2006 DLA ADR REPORT

The 2006 DLA ADR Report was published June 2006. It provides DLA ADR information about policy, resources, training, publicity, and neutrals, as well as the application of ADR within both the acquisition and workforce communities. A copy of the report can be found on the DLA ADR Homepage at <http://www.dla.mil/adr> under “DLA Publications.”

DSCC ADR STATEMENT TO THE CONTRACTOR COMMUNITY

As reflected in the policy statement located on the DSCC Office of Counsel Homepage and reprinted below, DSCC encourages the contractor community to use alternative dispute resolution processes to resolve conflicts.

“It is the goal of this Center for all parties to be satisfied at contract completion. Consequently, this Center is encouraging the use of all forms of ADR to resolve differences of view that may occur under the contract, whether the differences involve disputes of contract terms, issues of administration, or merely points of inquiry. The use of any form of ADR is voluntary for all parties. Typically, no additional costs are involved; however, any costs associated with the use of ADR will be by mutual agreement. More information about ADR can be found in the DLA ADR Homepage, or by contacting Beth Lagana, the Associate General Counsel for ADR, at 614-692-1859.”