



# **SEMINAR 2**

# Introduction to Civil and Commercial Mediation

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# Definitions and significance of ADR

- Comparison of principal forms of dispute resolution.
- The significance of ADR practice
- Regulation of ADR services
- Professional status of practitioners.

Distinguishing between forms of ADR

#### **DOES ADR MEAN ANY NEGOTIATION?**

- BargainingAny negotiation not requiring a solution
- Dispute Negotiation inter-partesUnassisted no legal / professional assistance
- Assisted Dispute Negotiation Legally / professionally assisted – classic pretrial scenario – see later for limitations.

# Distinguishing between forms of ADR

- Conciliation advisory
  - Binding process
  - Non-binding settlement / or
  - Advisory determination
- Conciliation binding
  - Binding process
  - Binding settlement / or
  - Binding determination

Frequently referred to as mediation – 75% US Case references make it clear binding conciliation

is subject to Judicial Review and DUE PROCESS

Distinguishing between forms of ADR

- Counselling one to one
  - Voluntary process
  - No settlement
- Counselling two party mediation
  - Voluntary process
  - No settlement meeting of minds and reconciliation

#### **SOCIAL CONTEXT**



## Distinguishing between forms of ADR

- Mediation non-binding
  - Binding process
  - Non-binding settlement
  - DUE PROCESS REQUIREMENT MINIMAL
- Mediation binding
  - Binding process
  - Binding settlement
  - POTENTIAL DUE PROCESS REQUIREMENT



# Session Two Setting up the mediation

- Contract Mediation
- Ad hoc Mediation
- Application to court for mediation
- Court recommended Mediation
- Court ordered Mediation



# Beyond mediation

- Contracted Mediation Resolex
- Dispute Review Boards
- Dispute Resolution Panels
- Expert determination judicial review adjudication J.R. appeal
- Adjudication Judicial Review de nouvo trail - appeal
- Arbitration judicial review appeal



# Significance of ADR - Litigation

- Formal & intimidating
- Expensive
- Pre-trial preparation rigorous
- Court schedule protracted
- Lack of privacy
- Adversarial nature damages relationships – winner takes all
- No peer relationship



#### Contrast mediation

- Informal
- Less expensive
- Less time consuming
- Quicker
- Private
- Relationship friendly
- Peer involvement



## Regulation of mediation

See position paper – "Regulating Mediation".

- Self regulated
- Professions provide regulation e.g. Law Society
- Provider regulation e.g. CEDR & CIArb
- No state regulation in the UK
- Potential legal liability minimal
- Potential regulation for EU pending