



Commercial Alternative Fee Program

Features

Overview

In response to your clients' changing demands, ADR Systems has designed an alternative fee program for qualified commercial matters. The program offers a low, fixed rate for qualified cases in which potential costs may exceed the amount in dispute.

Case Qualifications

- Commercial mediation
- Two-party matters
- Claimed amount in dispute approximately \$100K or less

Fees

- \$1,100 per party
- No administrative fee

Notable Parameters

- The fee covers up to three hours of the neutral's time
- The three-hour time limit includes the neutral's review, session and follow-up or post-session time
- If the neutral's time goes beyond the three-hour time limit, the parties will be billed for any additional time at the neutral's standard hourly rate
- Counsel and neutral will agree on a submission page limit
- Sessions are held at ADR Systems' dispute resolution center, an agreed-upon, off-site location or via videoconference
- Additional facility or travel fees may apply for off-site locations

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Benefits

Cost-Effective Program

ADR Systems' alternative fee program offers a lower rate for qualified commercial cases in which potential litigation costs may exceed the amount in dispute.

Experienced Neutrals

Select neutrals are available for the program. To request an Alternative Fee Program neutral list, please contact ADR Systems.

Efficient Process

Our experienced case managers will administer every aspect of your case to keep it moving forward and ensure the most efficient process possible.

Custom Designed

Our services are tailored to fit the needs of your client and their particular matter. An experienced case manager will help you design a process and select the neutral most suitable for your case.

Administrative Support

ADR Systems will administer all aspects of your case at no cost to you or your client. We contact opposing counsel, schedule your sessions, and work with both parties to ensure a seamless process.



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Success Stories

Hon. Thomas R. Allen, (Ret.)



Business and Coverage Disputes Resolved

“Lawyers know certain cases are not suited for the long, slow journey through our court system. This program provides litigants a lifeline to a cost-efficient resolution of those disputes. Deliberate time restraints create a dynamic, fast-paced atmosphere that encourages the parties to get down to business and focus on settlement. A short, deliberate presentation by each side clears the way for me to synthesize liability and damages issues and steer each side to resolution. I have settled many business, commercial and coverage disputes using this abbreviated regimen and highly recommend it.

Hon. Lisa R. Curcio, (Ret.)



Construction Disputes Resolved

“I typically see cases in this program involving general contractors and sub-contractors who are in dispute over payment for work or the scope of work stipulated in a contract. They often take the situation very personally, which is why they do not settle without involving a neutral; however, experienced construction attorneys help these cases settle by clueing me into those personal conflicts and emotional issues that reach to the heart of the dispute. With that information, I can guide parties to a settlement, helping them avoid litigation or even arbitration, where costs can easily exceed any likely recovery by either party.”

Hon. William J. Haddad, (Ret.)



Commercial Property Disputes Resolved

“I recall a dispute involving a commercial property loss claim. Coverage and causation were not at issue, only the extent of damages. I acted as an “umpire” in the matter with two party-representatives to determine the extent of loss. From there, we proceeded to resolve the dispute as it pertained to the pricing of labor, the costs of materials (mechanicals, insulation boards, vents, coils and cosmetic elements) and the extent of depreciation of those materials. The Commercial Alternative Fee Program helped us accomplish all this expeditiously and at less cost to — and greater satisfaction of — the parties