

The logo for ADR systems features the letters "ADR" in a large, bold, sans-serif font, with the word "systems" in a smaller, lowercase, sans-serif font directly beneath it. The text is centered within a large, thin, dark gray circle that is partially cut off by the right edge of the frame.

ADR systems

Arbitration: You Have Choices

A proven and effective alternative
to litigation, presented by ADR Systems.

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We are the best choice for arbitration.

For more than two decades, ADR Systems has helped attorneys and their clients with all of their arbitration needs. We have successfully administered all types of arbitrations, from smaller matters to large, bet-the-company disputes.

We will ensure that you know your options at every step and help you design a process that fits your case. This approach allows us to deliver on our promise of exceptional client service and an unparalleled client experience. Let us help you with your next arbitration.



The basics of arbitration.

Defining arbitration

Arbitration is a private dispute resolution process that is usually final and binding. Arbitration most frequently results from contractual language. Parties may also choose to arbitrate by agreement after a dispute has arisen.

Arbitration can be conducted with either one or three arbitrators. The specific powers of the arbitrator are defined by the arbitration agreement and the selected arbitration rules governing the dispute.

Except as limited by the parties' agreement or the governing arbitration rules, the arbitrator has the power to oversee all aspects of the dispute. This includes discovery, motion practice, the evidentiary hearing and rendering the decision. With limited exceptions, the decision of the arbitrator is final, binding and cannot be appealed.

Understanding the benefits

Arbitration:

- Is private, and parties can agree to keep the proceedings and terms of the final decision confidential
- Can be faster and less expensive than litigation
- Affords parties the opportunity to select the decision maker
- Gives parties the opportunity to limit discovery, production and depositions
- Provides finality, as decisions can be challenged or appealed only under very narrow circumstances
- Avoids the possibility of setting an adverse legal precedent where novel issues are at stake
- Allows for more procedural flexibility than trial
- Offers parties — rather than courts — control over scheduling



Your choices in arbitration.

Understanding the options

Arbitrator

Selecting the right arbitrator is an important decision. Our arbitrators have a long history of making decisions and are well-known and well-regarded within the legal community. We will work with all parties to select an arbitrator with substantive knowledge of the law and procedural expertise to move the arbitration along as efficiently as possible.

Rules and Provider

We have developed user-friendly and streamlined arbitration rules that take the guesswork out of arbitration. Our rules were designed to minimize discovery costs and save you time. They can also be customized by party agreement to fit each particular case.

Even if the arbitration agreement specifies another provider and its rules, you may still agree to file the arbitration with ADR Systems. Our arbitrators and case managers have administered arbitrations under all major arbitration rules.

Procedure

Arbitration can be more flexible than trial. The promise of efficiency in arbitration depends on the level of collaboration among the parties, counsel, administrative agency and arbitrator.

We can help you tailor all aspects of your arbitration procedure, including:

- Level of confidentiality
- Discovery and e-discovery
- Motion practice
- Evidentiary hearing
- Type of award

We make it easy

Case Management

Each arbitration is unique and requires attentive case management. ADR Systems' case managers have strong legal backgrounds and years of experience administering complex arbitrations. We work with attorneys to explore all options.

Fee Structure

Like our arbitration rules, our fee structure is straightforward and easy to understand. Parties pay a nominal administrative fee, in addition to the arbitrator's time. We do not charge any extra fees for additional claims or counterclaims.

Support Staff

Our professional staff utilizes every resource available to provide exceptional service to attorneys and their clients throughout the dispute resolution process.

Concierge personnel will assist you with travel and other logistical needs that may arise. We take care of the details for you.

Facilities

ADR Systems is conveniently located in the heart of downtown Chicago. We offer 22 spacious conference rooms and provide a comfortable environment for settlement, including dedicated space for arbitration.

Did you Know?

The arbitration process can be modified by the parties. Parties may choose to arbitrate all or some of the issues involved in a dispute. If previous negotiations failed, or a mediation did not result in full settlement, parties may agree to arbitrate any remaining issues instead of going to court.

Parties may also agree to mediate their case before, or on a parallel track with, their arbitration. Mediation can be used to settle the dispute or simply narrow the issues. We can advise you on process options for your case and schedule a mediation without delaying the arbitration.

ADR Systems is the Midwest's largest alternative dispute resolution service provider. Since 1994, we have provided mediation, arbitration, and other dispute resolution services to law firms and businesses.

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