

ADR for public authorities: A guide for managers



CEDR's *ADR for public authorities - a guide for managers* provides practical information to those working in, or associated with, public authorities about the way in which alternative dispute resolution (ADR) processes can be used. The Guide focuses particularly on mediation, the most commonly used and most flexible process within ADR and also examines the type of cases in which it is suitable.

The Guide was written in consultation with the Association of Council Secretaries and Solicitors, the Government Legal Service, the National Audit Office, SOLACE Enterprises and the Treasury Solicitor's Department.

This useful resource, interspersed with relevant case studies, has four purposes:

- to give managers and administrators a practical understanding of the mediation process and to address some of the typical misconceptions associated with its use;
- to provide some of the questions they may need to address with their lawyers in preparation for any potential mediation;
- to describe the use of mediation outside the context of litigation;
- to describe the current breadth of ADR applications and developments in the public authority environment.

Readership

Managers and administrators in all public authorities.

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In addition to outlining the fundamental basics of ADR, the Guide also examine issues such as: In which public sector areas does ADR work?; Which cases are appropriate for mediation?; Mediation and litigation compared; Why mediation cannot be ignored; Getting the best out of mediation; Accountability; Confidentiality; ADR and the European Convention on Human Rights; ADR and the Freedom of Information Act 2000; ADR application in the public sector.

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CEDR is an independent non-profit organisation supported by multinational business and leading professional bodies and public-sector organisations and was launched in 1990 with the support of The Confederation of British Industry. CEDR's mission is to encourage and develop mediation and other cost-effective dispute resolution and prevention techniques in commercial and public-sector disputes and in civil litigation.

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