



Section on Alternative Dispute Resolution

The Mission of the [ISBA Alternative Dispute Resolution Section](#):

The ADR Section Council is dedicated to promoting a greater understanding of alternatives to traditional court litigation in the resolution of disputes. The range of alternatives available is as broad as the innovation and creativity the parties may choose to explore. By opting out of traditional court litigation, parties retain control and ownership of the resolution mechanism. The ADR Section strives to aid practitioners and the public on the dynamics of alternative methods of dispute resolution, the risks, the benefits and the opportunities arising from their use.

General:

- ◆ Section fees are \$25 per year.
- ◆ To join, go to www.isba.org/sections

[Continuing Legal Education](#)

The Section sponsored two programs. These include:

- ◆ **40 Hour Mediation/Arbitration Training** (Sept. 26-30, 2016)
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Section members also receive discounts on section-sponsored CLE programs.

[Legislation](#)

The ADR Section Council reviews proposed legislation that may affect their members' practice area. Highlights of the most recent legislative session include:

1. Number of bills reviewed: 6
2. Significant legislation:
 - a. Senate Bill 983 - Consumer and Employee Justice
 - b. Senate Bill 1646 - Ins Cd-Underinsured Motorist

[Other](#)

- ◆ [The ADR Discussion Group](#) allows section members to pose questions and share information with fellow section members from around the state.

[Newsletters](#)

Delivered electronically unless otherwise requested. During 2016-17 the Section published four newsletters. Articles include:

- ◆ Case briefs (June 2017)
- ◆ Case briefs (Apr. 2017)
- ◆ Case briefs (Jan. 2017)
- ◆ Case briefs (Oct. 2016)
- ◆ Celebrating ADR (Oct. 2016)
- ◆ Choice of ADR method (Oct. 2016)
- ◆ Circuit court ruling is a warning against burying arbitration clauses (June 2017)
- ◆ Civil procedure – Arbitration, lack of documentation (Jan. 2017)
- ◆ Collaborative process: Illinois Senate Bill 0067 (Apr. 2017)
- ◆ The Federal Arbitration Act versus the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau: The future of arbitration clauses banning class action lawsuits (June 2017)
- ◆ Fourth Circuit declines to enforce arbitration agreement purporting to waive application of federal law (Oct. 2016)
- ◆ From the editor (Oct. 2016)
- ◆ Happenings (June 2017)
- ◆ Happenings (April 2017)
- ◆ Happenings (Jan. 2017)
- ◆ Happenings (Oct. 2016)
- ◆ ISBA Alternative Dispute Resolution seminar on police/community relations (Oct. 2016)
- ◆ Justices criticize state law invalidating arbitration agreements signed under power of attorney (June 2017)
- ◆ Learning essential steps to conflict resolution is for everyone (June 2017)
- ◆ Let's talk about talking – Communication between the sexes (Oct. 2016)
- ◆ NLRB general counsel issues memo following certiorari grant (Apr. 2017)
- ◆ Police/community relations: The role of ADR and restorative justice in addressing conflicts (Jan. 2017)
- ◆ Response to "Taking on Mandatory Arbitration at For-Profits" (Oct. 2016)
- ◆ Successful mediation in complex environmental cases (Jan. 2017)
- ◆ Supreme Court to consider legality of arbitration agreements containing class action waivers under NLRA (Apr. 2017)
- ◆ Tenth Circuit declines to compel arbitration due to conflicts in arbitration agreements (Jan. 2017)
- ◆ Third-party discovery in arbitration (Oct. 2016)
- ◆ U.S. Ninth Circuit rules on deceitful conduct by an arbitrator (June 2017)
- ◆ A welcome from the incoming Chair (June 2017)