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.

Continuing Legal Education

The Section sponsored the following program(s) during the year:

♦ ADR 2019: Using Alternative Dispute Resolution to Navigate Rights (05/29/19)
♦ Preparing Clients for Mediation (06/21/19)
♦ Small Claims Mediation (06/21/19)

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: 2
2. Significant legislation:
   a. SB 1829 – Prohibits non-disclosure agreements for unlawful employment practices
   b. SB 2258 – Mediation requirements for non-sworn public safety employees

ISBA Central

♦ Members of the ISBA section get free access to the section’s community on ISBA Central. The ISBA Central community allows section members to pose questions, answer questions, and share information with fellow section members from around the state.

2018-2019 Bar Year Activities

General:

♦ Section dues are $30 per year.
♦ To join, go to www.isba.org/sections

Newsletters

During the 2018-19 bar year, the Section published 4 newsletters. Articles included:

◆ Chair’s column (Nov. 2018)
◆ From the editor (Nov. 2018)
◆ What every Illinois estate planner should know about elder mediation (part 1) (Nov. 2018)
◆ New Illinois Supreme Court Rule clarifies attorneys’ role when divorce collaborative processes fail (Nov. 2018)
◆ Inaccessibility suggests illegitimacy when it comes to arbitration agreements (Nov. 2018)
◆ U.S. Supreme Court agrees to hear Lamps Plus, Inc. v. Varela (Nov. 2018)
◆ U.S. Supreme Court grants certiorari in Henry Schein, Inc. v. Archer and White Sales, Inc. (Nov. 2018)
◆ The Uber conundrum: Hyperlinks, in-app agreements, and arbitration (Nov. 2018)
◆ Social justice (Nov. 2018)
◆ Case briefs (Nov. 2018)
◆ Happenings (Nov. 2018)
◆ Chair’s column (Dec. 2018)
◆ Meet the section council (Dec. 2018)
◆ What every Illinois estate planner should know about elder mediation (part 2) (Dec. 2018)
◆ Do new international agreements indicate a downward trend of investor-state arbitration? (Dec. 2018)
◆ The seventh circuit allows courts to decide whether a class action claim exists in an agreement (Dec. 2018)
◆ The United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (Dec. 2018)
◆ Restorative justice and survivors (Dec. 2018)
◆ Environmental law column (Dec. 2018)
◆ Technology and alternative dispute resolution (Dec. 2018)
◆ American Bar Association Women in Dispute Resolution (Dec. 2018)
◆ Case briefs (Dec. 2018)
◆ Happenings (Dec. 2018)
◆ Chair’s column: ADR pro bono in Illinois (Apr. 2019)
◆ First Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Family Mediation Program (Apr. 2019)
◆ New Jersey legislature passes legislation barring mandatory arbitration of discrimination claims (Apr. 2019)
◆ ABA House passes Resolution 107B, limiting mandatory arbitration (Apr. 2019)
◆ Association of attorney-mediators files amicus memorandum to protect mediation confidentiality (Apr. 2019)
◆ Canadian court deems Uber arbitration clause invalid (Apr. 2019)
◆ National Coalition on Dialogue and Deliberation (Apr. 2019)
◆ First circuit declines to order arbitration due to lack of evidence blind plaintiffs were aware of arbitration clause (Apr. 2019)
◆ Environmental law: Review of ‘Environmental Disputes, Community Involvement in Conflict Resolution’ (Apr. 2019)
◆ Technology and ADR: Data breaches - Class action waivers and consumer concerns (Apr. 2019)
◆ Case briefs (Apr. 2019)
◆ Happenings (Apr. 2019)
◆ Chair’s column (May 2019)
◆ New legislation proposed to end mandatory arbitration in consumer and employee cases (May 2019)
◆ Environmental law column (May 2019)
◆ Technology and ADR (May 2019)
◆ Social justice column: ‘HATE: Why We Should Resist It with Free Speech, Not Censorship’ (May 2019)
◆ Case briefs (May 2019)
◆ Happenings (May 2019)