

MORE INFORMATION



You can find further information about each category in the Dispute Resolution Manual.



Supreme Court Rules 905 – 922: Rules Relating to Dispute Resolution.



Frequently asked questions about mediation answered by video.

QUESTIONS

- Email ADR@kscourts.gov

To promote, encourage, and facilitate alternative dispute resolution services which are accessible and affordable.

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mission statement

Mediation

(Alternative Dispute Resolution)



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WHAT IS MEDIATION?

- A confidential process in which a neutral third person called a mediator helps the parties discuss and resolve the dispute.
- A process that may help settle disputes faster than going to court.
- A process that may be less expensive than other options like going to court with an attorney.
- Parties may work with a mediator of their choice to try and settle their disputes before filing a case with the court.

HOW DOES MEDIATION WORK?

- During the initial meeting, the mediator will describe how the process works.
- The mediation process may be one session for some parties or multiple sessions for others.
- Mediators help individuals identify issues, reduce misunderstandings, clarify priorities, explore areas of compromise, and find points of agreement.
- If parties reach an agreement, the mediator may help document the agreement in a written contract or memorandum of understanding.

MEDIATION CATEGORIES

- **Core Mediation**
 - neighborhood, community, small claims
- **Civil Mediation**
 - general civil disputes other than small claims
- **Domestic Mediation**
 - child custody, residency, visitation, parenting time, division of property
- **Juvenile Dependency Mediation**
 - Child in Need of Care cases
- **Parent-Adolescent Mediation**
 - parent-adolescent disputes

HOW TO CHOOSE A MEDIATOR?



You can find a list of mediators approved by the statewide Director of Dispute Resolution for each category on the Kansas Judicial Branch Find a Provider webpage.