

THE OFFICE OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ODR) provides dispute resolution programs and services for the Colorado Judicial Branch, through its seventy-plus contract neutrals. ODR also provides general information about dispute resolution, consults and provides assistance to dispute resolution programs, and coordinates training for judicial officers, court staff, and mediators/neutrals.

MEDIATION is an informal, confidential process during which a neutral third party helps people in dispute negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. The major service offered through ODR is mediation.

“Mediation gave me the chance for my voice to be heard.” - ODR Client

MEDIATION ...

- ◆ Can be faster – and less expensive -than going to court.
- ◆ Is an informative and confidential process.
- ◆ Gives parties a chance to come up with a personally tailored solution that meets their needs with minimal court involvement.

“Our ODR mediator was very helpful and was instrumental in creating dialogue that helped both of us move forward.” - ODR Client

ODR MEDIATORS are the same practitioners you would find in the private

sector. ODR’s mediators come from a variety of backgrounds and professions, but all have specialized training in conflict resolution and extensive mediation experience. They subscribe to a code of professional ethical conduct and complaint process. For more information about mediators, please consult the ODR reference library at www.coloradoODR.org.

“I prefer to use ODR mediators because they are skilled and knowledgeable, and the mediation is less expensive than private mediation.” - ODR Attorney Client

ONCE THE PARTIES HAVE PARTICIPATED IN MEDIATION, they will receive a certificate of compliance with mediation to file in their case. Parties, if agreements are reached may also receive a Memorandum of Understanding that if signed by both parties, may resolve all, or part of their case.

MEDIATION COSTS: Fees range from \$30-\$80 per hour per party. The domestic relations case fee is \$60 per party per hour.

An advance deposit for mediation may be required.

A party may have their mediation fee reduced if the Court has determined that the party is indigent within the last six month or by submitting a JDF 211 Form “Request to Reduce Payment for ODR Services” (located on the judicial forms website) via email odrmediations@judicial.state.co.us. If you have questions, call (720) 625-5940.



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THERE ARE TWO OPTIONS TO SCHEDULE MEDIATION:

** Both options require going to the ODR website at: www.ColoradoODR.org **

OPTION 1: Should you want to contact an ODR contract mediator directly, simply click on the "Click Here to Select a Mediator" button located at the top of the page.

Click here to select a mediator

An interactive map will appear, click on the county in which your case is filed (or will be filed). The county ODR contact mediator list will appear along with their contact information.

OPTION 2: to request a mediator referral, click on the "Click here if you need assistance" button.

Click here if you need assistance

Select the case type that matches your case and follow the prompts. Enter all the information requested in the fields marked with “ * ”, such as, names and contact information for parties and attorneys.

You will need to enter the case number, county, telephone number for both Petitioner and Respondent and any attorneys in order to proceed forward with

requesting a mediator. You will be unable to schedule mediation without providing the information requested for all parties who will be attending the mediation.

The following information is not required to schedule mediation, however is helpful for completing the referral process:

- ◆ Do the parties need a Spanish-speaking mediator?
- ◆ Does this case involve a restraining/protection order or a domestic violence/no contact order?
- ◆ Does anyone need to participate by phone?

Before submitting your request, please include in the “Comments” section the following information, if applicable: preferred mediation dates and times (i.e. day of week, morning or afternoon); mediator preference (if any); case manager contact information, DOC #, name of facility for any incarcerated parties; whether any party has been found indigent within 6 months or will be requesting reduced fee services; any other special instructions.

Make sure the intake is completely filled out otherwise there may be a delay in the referral process. When all field have been entered, please click the submit button.

Submit Mediation Request

After the request is completely filled out and submitted, ODR will send the request

for mediation form to a mediator in your area. You will be contacted within 1 – 3 business days after ODR receives the information provided through the form.

The ODR referral coordinator will also send you an email with the mediator’s contact information. The mediator or their scheduler will contact you in 2-3 business days to set up the appointment. The mediators usually schedule mediation 2-3 weeks out. ODR is unable to schedule mediations directly for mediators or participants.

PLEASE NOTE: You are **NOT** scheduled until someone contacts you by phone or email. If you have further questions you may contact the ODR referral coordinator by phone at: (720) 625-5940; or by email at:

odrmediations@judicial.state.co.us.

TO SCHEDULE IN EL PASO & PUEBLO:

**4TH AND 10TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
SCHEDULER: (719) 448-7777**

Want the Fastest Service?

Use the “Online Intake Form” or interactive map at: www.coloradoODR.org

Quieres un Servicio Mas rapido?

Utilice nuestro formulario de admisión en línea o un mapa interactivo www.coloradoODR.org.