

**RULES REGARDING THE ALABAMA SUPREME COURT  
COMMISSION ON DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

**Rule A.**

**Duties and Responsibilities of the Commission**

The Alabama Supreme Court Commission on Dispute Resolution shall:

1. Institute necessary guidelines for the orderly progress of alternative dispute resolution programs and procedures in the state court system.
2. Implement and supervise the Center for Dispute Resolution as an alternative dispute resolution management, coordination, research, and development office.
3. Provide technical assistance, education, and training to the Bar, the judiciary, and the public.
4. Develop training procedures, qualification criteria, standards of conduct, and utilization standards for mediators and other alternative dispute resolution neutrals.
5. Maintain statistical data and other information necessary to evaluate on a continuing basis the effectiveness of alternative dispute resolution in the state of Alabama, including, but not limited to, data regarding at what stage in the resolution process matters or causes are settled.
6. Address funding needs, and means of funding, for implementing alternative dispute resolution.
7. Initiate and coordinate community-based alternative dispute resolution programs.
8. Provide advice and recommendations, when appropriate, to the Alabama Supreme Court on all matters related to alternative dispute resolution and provide reports, at least annually, to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court on the status of the Commission and on the progress of alternative dispute resolution programs in the state of Alabama.

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