

RULES REGARDING THE ALABAMA SUPREME COURT COMMISSION ON DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Rule E.

Rulemaking

1. The Alabama Supreme Court Commission on Dispute Resolution should develop proposed by-laws for its governance and submit those by-laws, and such amendments or additions thereto as may be from time to time required, to the Supreme Court for approval. The Commission shall formulate an initial set of by-laws and operational rules and forward a copy of them to the Supreme Court for its consideration and approval; this shall be done within ninety (90) days of the effective date of the Supreme Court order establishing the Alabama Supreme Court Commission on Dispute Resolution.

2. The Alabama Supreme Court Commission on Dispute Resolution shall promulgate and submit to the Supreme Court for its consideration and approval rules and procedures to apply to the operations and functions of the Center for Dispute Resolution. Those functions shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following matters:

- a. Managing and coordinating all alternative dispute resolution programs in the state of Alabama.
- b. Maintaining resource materials and files.
- c. Publishing an alternative dispute resolution newsletter and other informational material.
- d. Developing and supporting local alternative dispute resolution offices.
- e. Acting as liaison with other states' alternative dispute resolution offices.
- f. Planning, coordinating, scheduling, and presenting alternative dispute resolution seminars to Bar members, the judiciary, and the public.
- g. Maintaining a master panel of mediators for use throughout the state court system.
- h. Monitoring and controlling mediator standards and certification.
- i. Researching alternative dispute resolution programs and principles.
- j. Providing neutral facilities for alternative dispute resolution proceedings.
- k. Administering the Center's offices and personnel.

- l. Providing technical assistance to court systems and the Bar in general.
- m. Providing staff support for the Supreme Court Commission on Dispute Resolution.
- n. Conducting periodic alternative dispute resolution conferences for mediators and/or arbitrators.
- o. Publishing alternative dispute resolution manuals and forms.
- p. Providing training to personnel in alternative dispute resolution skills.
- q. Providing a clearing house for alternative dispute resolution information.
- r. Working with alternative dispute resolution committees sponsored by or affiliated with local bar associations.
- s. Soliciting funds to support alternative dispute resolution programs.
- t. Providing assistance to nonprofit alternative dispute resolution organizations.
- u. Assisting state agencies in implementing alternative dispute resolution concepts in the administrative process.

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