



The Florida Bar ADR Section

Publication Criteria for The Common Ground

Articles submitted for publication in The Common Ground should strive to meet two of the section's purposes, as stated on the website of the ADR Section of The Florida Bar:

- *To keep the membership informed and updated regarding legislation, rules, and policies in connection with mediation and other ADR processes and the responsibilities they impose on mediator and arbitrator members (as well as other ADR professionals who may ultimately be included).*
- *To provide a forum for the educational discussion of ethical considerations for ADR participants.*

Criteria for Articles

1. Must educate the reader about some topic that is ADR related.
2. Must be consistent with growth of the ADR professional and the profession.
3. Must identify sources in footnote or endnote format. These sources are to be provided to the Editors in connection with the submittal.
4. May challenge existing rules, MEAC Opinions, legislation, or policy, but should emphasize the pros and cons of the matters challenged.
5. Must be double-spaced and in word format for ease of editing. Articles for News & Tips should be one page or less. Articles for Common Ground should be at least two pages, but no more than five pages.
6. Must be neutral. May not take a political position.
7. May only offer a personal or professional opinion that is supported by recognized authority.
8. Must be well-written: concise, interesting, relevant, timely and grammatically correct.

Criteria for Announcements

1. Must be for the benefit of ADR Section Members.
2. Must not be for the benefit of a for-profit organization. May be for the benefit of a non-profit or governmental organization.
3. Must be copy-ready.
4. Should contain some graphics.
5. Must have broad appeal.

Note: The Co-Editors reserve the right to reject articles and announcements that do not fit these criteria. Additionally, they reserve the right to edit and make suggestions to articles they approve for publication. If you have questions, comments or concerns, please contact The Common Ground Co-Editors [Natalie Paskiewicz](#) or [Ana Cristina Maldonado](#).