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Member Guide

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION SECTION OF THE FLORIDA BAR

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Message from the Chair

Shari Elessar

"Everything we do as a Section should advance one or more of Our Three Pillars: Community, Professional Development, and Credentials. Together, we build people, strengthen our profession, and expand access to better ways of resolving conflict."

It is an honor to serve as Chair of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Section of The Florida Bar, and a privilege to be part of this extraordinary community. Our Section has grown over the years—in energy, influence, purpose, and spirit. But what makes the ADR Section remarkable is not measured by numbers. It is measured by the caliber of people who choose to be a part of it. Our members are peacemakers, bridge builders, problem solvers, advocates, neutrals, teachers, mentors, and leaders. Every day, we help people, businesses, families, and communities move beyond conflict and toward resolution. That shared purpose is why this Section continues to attract remarkable people.

Shari Elessar, Chair
ADR Section of The
Florida Bar (2026-2027)

Read Shari's full message on our website!

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Purpose of the ADR Section

From our bylaws, the ADR Section exists to promote knowledge of and participation in alternative dispute resolution processes, support courts and agencies in ADR implementation, recommend legislative changes, provide education, foster ethics discussions, and deliver professional updates to members throughout Florida.

OBJECTIVES

a) Promote knowledge of ADR processes among Bar members and the public
b) Support courts and agencies in implementing ADR
c) Recommend legislative and rule changes
d) Provide continuing education opportunities
e) Foster discussion of ethical issues in ADR

GOALS

f) Keep members informed of developments in ADR
g) Collaborate with other Bar sections and organizations
h) Advance the quality and integrity of ADR throughout Florida

Our section is built on collaboration, integrity, and advancing dispute resolution.

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Leadership & Officers

Our leadership team guides the section's strategic direction, oversees committee activities, and ensures we deliver meaningful value to all members. Each officer brings extensive ADR experience and a commitment to advancing dispute resolution practice in Florida.

Shari Elessar, Chair
Lori Adelson, Chair-Elect
Rebekah Taylor, Treasurer
Megan Moschell, Secretary
Natalie L. Paskiewicz, Immediate Past Chair

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Committees

Arbitration
Arbitration Advocacy Institute Subcommittee
Forum Subcommittee

Bylaws/Surveys

Ethics

Mediation
Collaborative Subcommittee
Forum Subcommittee
Mediation Mentoring Academy Subcommittee
Pro Bono Project Subcommittee
Legislative Subcommittee

Communications Committee
The Common Ground Subcommittee
Listserv Subcommittee
In Development: Social Media Subcommittee
Seeking a Lead!

CLE / CME Committee

Finance Committee

Former Chairs Committee

Fundraising Committee

Membership Committee
Outreach Subcommittee
JEDI Subcommittee

Strategic Planning Committee

Technology Committee

Nominating Committee

Committees are the heart of our section's work. Each committee focuses on a specific area of ADR practice or Section administration and provides opportunities for members to contribute, lead, and grow professionally.

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Member Benefits & Events

OUR CALENDAR

Free Member Benefits include:

- Discounted and free CLE
- Networking mixers and in-person social events
- Monthly Mediation & Arbitration Forums
- Free Lunch & Learn CLE webinar series in the Spring in collaboration with the DRC
- First access to The Common Ground publication
- Section newsletters, listserv, the Best Practices Handbook, free content on our YouTube channel, and social media highlights of our members

Upcoming Events 2026-2027:

- Weekly Wellness (15 min, virtual reset): Every Wednesday at noon on Zoom
- Summer Symposium: August 7, 2026
- Our First Book Cub Meeting (virtual): August 21, 2026
- ADR Retreat: August 28-29, 2026 at NSU in Fort Lauderdale/Davie
- Monthly Mediator and Arbitrator Forums: The first Friday and second Tuesday at 8 am
- Florida Bar Fall Meeting: September 2026 in Orlando
- Lunch & Learn Series: Virtual, free CLE in collaboration with the DRC in early 2027
- Mediation Mixers: January 2027 (statewide)
- Virtual Winter Florida Bar Meeting: February 2027
- Mediation Mentoring Academy: April 30-May 1, 2027 in Tampa
- Annual Florida Bar Convention and ADR Section Meeting: June 2027

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Getting Involved & Resources

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LinkedIn
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Instagram
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Ways to get involved:

- Join a committee and take on a leadership role
- Publish articles or present at section events
- Contribute to legislative and policy initiatives
- Attend networking events and mixers
- Volunteer for the JEDI Committee initiatives
- Post a discussion topic on our Listserv
- Interact with our content on social media

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