



DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND  
*ADR OFFICE*

## **MEDIATION**

### **WHAT IS MEDIATION?**

**M**ediation is a process in which you and anyone else involved in your dispute meet with a mediator to try and find ways to solve the problem.

### **WHAT DOES THE MEDIATOR DO?**

The mediator is neutral, so the mediator will not take anyone's side and will not tell anyone how the dispute should be resolved.

The mediator is trained to help people talk about their disputes and knows how to help people find their own solutions to their own problems.

The mediator will not decide your case for you and will not provide legal advice or represent you.

### **MEDIATION IN THE DISTRICT COURT IS:**

- ✓ Free
- ✓ Voluntary
- ✓ Confidential
- ✓ Convenient – participants often decide the time, date, and location of the mediation

### **MEDIATION IS:**

- \* Your opportunity to say what you want
- \* Your opportunity to create a solution that meets your needs

**MEDIATION CAN HELP WITH:**

- ✓ Neighbor to Neighbor disputes
- ✓ Family Member disputes
- ✓ Consumer/Business disputes
- ✓ Roommate disputes
- ✓ Personal Property disputes
- ✓ Small Claims
- ✓ Some Peace Order cases
- ✓ Landlord/Tenant cases
- ✓ And much more...

Mediation may be right for your case if you want an opportunity to talk directly with the other side about trying to resolve the dispute.

If you have an attorney, the attorney can participate if you would like.

Mediation can be used if a case has been filed or even if a case has not been filed.

The District Court of Maryland has a mediation program and mediation resources that may be able to help you resolve your dispute in a way that meets your needs.

The District Court ADR Office partners with the community mediation program in this county to help you resolve your disputes.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

District Court of Maryland  
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office  
Phone: 410-260-1676 or 1-866-940-1729  
Fax: 410-260-3536  
<http://www.mdcourts.gov/district/adr/home.html>