

Emmett J. Ward, Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Resources Coordinator

Emmett J. Ward is an ADR Resources Coordinator at the Maryland Judiciary's Mediation and Conflict Resolution Office (MACRO). Emmett helps manage many ADR projects, including the ADR Evaluation Support System (ADRESS), which is a web-based data collection and reporting system to help courts evaluate and improve their ADR programs. Emmett also develops and presents local and national ADR trainings for Judges, court staff and ADR practitioners and is a volunteer mediator for the Maryland District Court.

Emmett was previously a staff mediator for the Baltimore County Circuit Court, where he mediated hundreds of child access, child welfare, and guardianship/adoption cases and conducted a communication skills workshop for families. Before that, Emmett observed and coded ADR practitioner behaviors as part of a nationally recognized research project that examined the costs, benefits, and effectiveness of ADR in the Maryland courts.

Emmett holds a Master's Degree in Conflict Analysis and Dispute Resolution from Salisbury University. During his graduate studies, he worked as an AmeriCorps member at the Bosserman Center for Conflict Resolution, where he focused on community outreach and prisoner reentry mediation. Emmett is a past member of the Community Mediation Maryland Board of Directors.