

Arbitration, Mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution

Alternative dispute resolution (ADR) processes such as arbitration and mediation offer the possibility of resolving disputes more quickly and at a lower cost than traditional litigation. The expense and delay of the judicial process has increasingly encouraged parties to use ADR processes in lieu of traditional litigation. Mandatory arbitration provisions are being found in many contracts, and mandatory mediation or other non-binding ADR procedures are being required by courts as a part of the traditional litigation process.

The members of the Tucker Arensberg's Alternative Dispute Resolution Group have been involved in the growth of ADR processes for many years. Members of the group have extensive experience in all forms of ADR including:

- Prosecuting cases in a binding arbitration setting
- Serving as an arbitrator in complex commercial and construction cases
- Guiding our clients through the mediation process
- Serving as mediators in both large and small cases
- Both serving as an Early Neutral Evaluator and guiding our clients through the Early Neutral Evaluation process listed as one of the ADR procedures in the U.S. District Court of the Western District of Pennsylvania
- Advising clients in nonbinding arbitration and "mini-trial" proceedings

The ADR experience and skills of our attorneys covers a broad range of practice areas and industries including:

- Bankruptcy
- Commercial and business issues
- Partnership and shareholder disputes
- Construction claims
- Contracts
- Family Law and Orphans' Court disputes
- Fraudulent conveyances
- Health Law
- Insurance
- Legal malpractice
- Medical malpractice
- Personal injury
- Products liability
- Technical fabrication and engineering issues

Our practice includes two senior litigators who are recognized leaders in mediation techniques and track records of successful negotiated resolutions. Gary Hunt is an elected member and former Board Member of The Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County and the former President of the Allegheny County Bar Association. Matthew Hoffman is a AAA certified arbitrator concentrating in the construction area. Stephen Greecher is a seasoned litigator who is called on frequently to serve as an arbitrator and mediator in litigation matters. Tucker Arensberg is also fortunate to have on its team Judith Fitzgerald, a former chief judge for the United States Bankruptcy Court with over 25 years of experience and Timothy Searer, a judge with 20 years of experience as a Pennsylvania Common Pleas Court trial judge.