

**Mediation** is an informal process in which a neutral third party helps people in conflict to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement.

*“Mediation gave me the chance for my voice to be heard.”* – ODR Client

#### **Mediation ...**

- Can be faster – and less expensive – than going to court.
- Is an informative and confidential process.
- Gives parties a chance to come up with a solution that meets their needs.

*“Our ODR mediator was very helpful and was instrumental in creating dialogue that helped both of us move forward.”* – ODR Client

**The Office of Dispute Resolution (ODR)** provides dispute resolution programs and services for the Colorado Judicial Branch, through its ninety-plus contract mediators and neutrals.

**ODR Contract Mediators** are the same practitioners you would find in the private sector. ODR’s contract mediators come from a variety of backgrounds and professions, but all have specialized training in conflict resolution and extensive mediation experience. They subscribe to codes of professional and ethical conduct and have demonstrated their skills.

*“I prefer to use ODR mediators because they are skilled and knowledgeable, and the mediation is less expensive than private mediation.”* – ODR Attorney Client

**Once the parties have participated in mediation**, they may return to court to file a certificate of compliance and the Memorandum of Understanding that summarizes any agreements they reached, and to take any other steps to resolve their case.

*ODR handles approximately 7000 court-involved cases per year and has a proven track record in resolving disputes.*

#### **Mediation Costs:**

- District Court Civil including Domestic Cases (DR, JV, PR, CV) \$75 per party per hour
- County Court Civil \$50 per party per hour
- Small Claims \$30 per party per hour

*All mediations require a 2-hour deposit, due 10 days prior to the scheduled mediation date for all District Court Civil cases and 7 days prior for all other cases.*

*A party may have their mediation fee reduced if the Court has determined that the party is indigent within the last six months. Otherwise, a party may complete an application for reduced fees a (JDF 211) at [www.coloradoODR.org](http://www.coloradoODR.org) or by calling (720) 625-5940.*

**To schedule your ODR mediation**, locate your judicial district on the other side of this brochure or go to [www.ColoradoODR.org](http://www.ColoradoODR.org) to select a mediator and schedule directly with the mediator.

1<sup>st</sup> Judicial District  
**Gilpin and Jefferson Counties**

2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District  
**Denver County**

3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District  
**Huerfano and Las Animas Counties**

4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District  
**El Paso and Teller Counties**

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[04JDMediation@judicial.state.co.us](mailto:04JDMediation@judicial.state.co.us)

5<sup>th</sup> Judicial District  
**Clear Creek, Eagle, Lake and Summit Counties**

6<sup>th</sup> Judicial District  
**Archuleta, La Plata, and San Juan Counties**

7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District  
**Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray,  
and San Miguel Counties**

8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District  
**Jackson and Larimer Counties**

9<sup>th</sup> Judicial District  
**Garfield, Pitkin, and Rio Blanco Counties**

10<sup>th</sup> Judicial District  
**Pueblo County**  
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11<sup>th</sup> Judicial District  
**Chaffee, Custer, Fremont and Park Counties**

12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District  
**Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio  
Grande and Saguache Counties**

13<sup>th</sup> Judicial District  
**Kit Carson, Logan, Morgan, Phillips,  
Sedgwick, Washington and Yuma Counties**

14<sup>th</sup> Judicial District  
**Grand, Moffat and Routt Counties**

15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District  
**Baca, Cheyenne, Kiowa and Prowers  
Counties**

16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District  
**Bent, Crowley and Otero Counties**

17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District  
**Adams and Broomfield Counties**

18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District  
**Arapahoe County**

19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District  
**Weld County**

20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District  
**Boulder County**

21<sup>st</sup> Judicial District  
**Mesa County**

22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District  
**Dolores and Montezuma Counties**

23<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District  
**Douglas, Elbert and Lincoln Counties**



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## Office of Dispute Resolution

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25 Years of Mediation Excellence*



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