Training course on Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Mechanisms

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Legal Institute	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Define **Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)** and its distinct advantages over traditional litigation.
2. Analyze the fundamental principles and various models of **negotiation**.
3. Master the stages and core techniques of **mediation**.
4. Understand the legal framework and strategic use of **arbitration**.
5. Differentiate between various **ADR mechanisms** and select the most appropriate for specific disputes.
6. Develop effective **communication skills** crucial for successful dispute resolution.
7. Identify and address **ethical considerations** in ADR practice.
8. Navigate the role of **national courts** in supporting and supervising ADR processes.
9. Explore hybrid ADR mechanisms such as **Med-Arb** and **Arb-Med**.
10. Understand the legal and practical aspects of **Online Dispute Resolution (ODR)**.
11. Design effective **dispute resolution clauses** in contracts.
12. Discuss emerging trends and challenges in the field of **ADR**.
13. Enhance **conflict management** capabilities across professional and personal contexts.

Target Audience

This course is designed for a diverse audience, including professionals from various sectors who frequently encounter disputes and seek effective resolution strategies:

1. **Legal Professionals:** Lawyers, paralegals, and legal advisors who advise clients on dispute resolution options.
2. **Human Resources Professionals:** HR managers and specialists involved in workplace conflict resolution.
3. **Business Owners & Managers:** Individuals responsible for contracts, client relations, and internal team dynamics.
4. **Contract Administrators:** Professionals managing contractual agreements and potential breaches.
5. **Judges & Court Officials:** Those interested in promoting or overseeing ADR processes.
6. **Public Sector Employees:** Government officials involved in public policy, community relations, or regulatory enforcement.
7. **Consultants:** Advisors specializing in conflict management, organizational development, or legal services.
8. **Anyone** seeking to enhance their practical skills in resolving conflicts outside of formal litigation.

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)

- Definition and Scope of ADR: Spectrum of Dispute Resolution Processes
- Advantages of ADR over Traditional Litigation: Cost, Speed, Confidentiality, Flexibility
- Historical Evolution and Growth of ADR
- Relationship between ADR and the Justice System
- Overview of Key ADR Mechanisms: Negotiation, Mediation, Arbitration

Module 2: Negotiation: Principles and Strategies

- What is Negotiation? Types and Approaches
- Positional Bargaining vs. Interest-Based Negotiation (Principled Negotiation)
- Key Concepts: BATNA, WATNA, ZOPA (Zone of Possible Agreement)
- Negotiation Styles and Tactics: Collaborative, Competitive, Avoidant
- Communication and Psychological Aspects of Negotiation

Module 3: Mediation: Process, Techniques, and Models

- Defining Mediation: Role of the Neutral Third Party
- Stages of the Mediation Process: Preparation, Opening, Information Gathering, Option Generation, Agreement
- Core Mediation Techniques: Active Listening, Reframing, Summarizing, Questioning
- Different Models of Mediation: Facilitative, Evaluative, Transformative
- Ethical Principles and Professional Standards for Mediators

Module 4: Arbitration: Law, Practice, and Enforcement

- What is Arbitration? Binding Nature and Enforceability
- Arbitration Agreements: Drafting, Validity, and Scope
- Types of Arbitration: Ad Hoc vs. Institutional (e.g., ICC, LCIA, AAA)
- The Arbitration Process: Appointment of Arbitrators, Pleadings, Hearings, Award

- Enforcement of Arbitral Awards: Domestic and International (New York Convention)

Module 5: Hybrid and Specialized ADR Mechanisms

- Med-Arb: Mediation Followed by Binding Arbitration
- Arb-Med: Arbitration Followed by Mediation
- Conciliation: Non-Binding Third-Party Assistance
- Expert Determination and Early Neutral Evaluation
- Dispute Boards/DABs in Construction and Long-Term Contracts

Module 6: Selecting the Appropriate ADR Mechanism

- Factors Influencing Choice of ADR: Nature of Dispute, Parties' Relationship, Desired Outcome
- Cost-Benefit Analysis of Different ADR Methods
- Drafting Effective Dispute Resolution Clauses in Contracts
- Multi-Tiered Dispute Resolution Clauses: Step Clauses (e.g., negotiation-mediation-arbitration)
- Ethical Considerations in Advising Clients on ADR Selection

Module 7: Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) and Technology in ADR

- Definition and Growth of Online Dispute Resolution (ODR)
- Platforms and Tools for ODR: Video Conferencing, AI-Assisted Negotiation
- Advantages and Disadvantages of ODR
- Legal and Ethical Challenges in ODR (e.g., jurisdiction, data security, digital divide)
- Future Trends in Technology's Impact on ADR

Module 8: Dispute System Design and Conflict Management

- Principles of Dispute System Design (DSD): Analyzing and Improving Existing Systems
- Designing Integrated Dispute Resolution Systems for Organizations
- Implementing Conflict Management Strategies in the Workplace
- Promoting a Culture of Collaboration and Dialogue
- Conflict Prevention and Early Intervention Techniques

Training Methodology

- **Interactive Workshops:** Facilitated discussions, group exercises, and problem-solving activities.
- **Case Studies:** Real-world examples to illustrate successful community-based surveillance practices.
- **Role-Playing and Simulations:** Practice engaging communities in surveillance activities.
- **Expert Presentations:** Insights from experienced public health professionals and community leaders.
- **Group Projects:** Collaborative development of community surveillance plans.
- **Action Planning:** Development of personalized action plans for implementing community-based surveillance.
- **Digital Tools and Resources:** Utilization of online platforms for collaboration and learning.
- **Peer-to-Peer Learning:** Sharing experiences and insights on community engagement.
- **Post-Training Support:** Access to online forums, mentorship, and continued learning resources.

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

- Participants must be conversant in English.
- Upon completion of training, participants will receive an Authorized Training Certificate.
- The course duration is flexible and can be modified to fit any number of days.
- Course fee includes facilitation, training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch, and a Certificate upon successful completion.
- One-year post-training support, consultation, and coaching provided after the course.
- Payment should be made at least a week before the training commencement to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice, to enable better preparation.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
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