

Additional Services Provided by the Alternative Dispute Resolution Program include:

- Mediation and arbitration services for Cochise County Justice Courts in:
 - small claims cases less than \$2500.
 - civil cases less than \$10,000.
- Juvenile Victim-Offender Conferences.
- Court referred Juvenile Dependency cases and Guardianship matters.
- Limited mediation services for City Magistrate courts.

For more information about these services please contact the ADR Office at 520-432-8483.

Cochise Superior Court's Family Conciliation Court

In cases of marriage dissolution, annulment, and legal separation, the Family Conciliation Court offers conciliation services to explore whether the parties can be brought back together, and mediation services to resolve disputes about access and visitation with minor children.

For more information about these services, please contact the FCC Office at 520-432-8485.

SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES

The Honorable Wallace R. Hoggatt,
Presiding Judge

The Honorable James L. Conlogue,
Associate Presiding Judge

The Honorable Ann R. Littrell,
Judge

The Honorable Charles A. Irwin,
Judge

The Honorable John F. Kelliher, Jr.,
Judge

The Honorable Donna Beumler,
Judge Pro-Tempore

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

The Honorable David C. Morales,
Precinct 1, Bisbee

The Honorable Alma Vildosola,
Precinct 2, Douglas

The Honorable Joseph P. Knoblock,
Precinct 3, Benson

The Honorable Trevor Ward,
Precinct 4, Willcox

The Honorable Timothy Dickerson,
Precinct 5, Sierra Vista

The Honorable Michael Skiles,
Precinct 6, Bowie

For More information, call or write;
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**ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE
RESOLUTION
PROGRAM**

MEDIATION

*Resolving Conflicts Quickly,
Fairly and Effectively*

**SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
COCHISE COUNTY
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WHAT IS MEDIATION?

- The Cochise County Alternative Dispute Resolution Program is the oldest in the state, hearing its first cases in 1993.
- Mediation is a lawful, alternative court process sanctioned and endorsed by Cochise County Superior Court.
- The mediator, is a neutral third-party who meets with the litigants to intervene in their dispute, guide them to focus on the important elements, and work toward a peaceful settlement.
- Mediators DO NOT decide who is right or wrong, nor will they place blame.
- They are not judges, and will not decide the outcome of your dispute. *That* is up to you.

WHEN IS MEDIATION OFFERED?

- Your case is reviewed by the Judge and referred to the Alternative Dispute Resolution Program to be scheduled for mediation.
- The ADR Office will assign a mediator and notify you of the date, time, and location where the mediation will take place.
- Litigants should then be prepared to work in good faith to resolve the conflict with the help of the mediator.

WHY PARTICIPATE?

- Mediation has proved successful in disputes of all types from the most complex to the most simple.
- The mediation process does not jeopardize or delay your right to go to court if an agreement cannot be reached.
- There is no additional cost for mediation.
- Mediation can be scheduled and completed more quickly than court trials. Often within weeks rather than months or years.
- An outsider will not impose a disposition on your case. You are an active participant in deciding the outcome.
- No one is forced into making an agreement.

HOW DOES MEDIATION WORK?

- Our mediators facilitate the discussions between the parties in a confidential setting.
- When the issues are settled, the mediator will draft your agreement, each party will sign it and receive their copy.
- The original mediated agreement is returned to the court as part of the case file.
- The court will then enter a judgment outlining your agreement.
- If no agreement is reached, your case will be returned to the court for review and further action.

WHO ARE OUR MEDIATORS?

- The Cochise County Superior Court Alternative Dispute Resolution Program mediators are volunteers, people from the community with a wide variety of experience and training, with varied business and practical backgrounds.
- Many of them have been with this ADR Program since its beginning.
- They are available to hear all types of cases referred from Justice Courts and the Superior Court of Cochise County.
- After their training, the mediators are certified and appointed by the Cochise County Superior Court's Presiding Judge.
- The mediators are routinely evaluated by litigants and the ADR Office.
- As new issues in mediation and arbitration arise, the mediators receive updated and annual training in order to provide the best possible service to the public.

WHERE WILL MEDIATION HAPPEN?

Mediations, like other court hearings are conducted during business hours in more informal, private settings, where the parties can openly discuss the issues at hand.