

Why choose us?

1. Far more cases are resolved through ADR than by trial. Gaining experience with mediation will make you better equipped to serve future clients.
2. You will spend time in the courtroom learning how the judicial system works.
3. You will have the opportunity to make connections with attorneys and judges.
4. Exposure to many areas of law.
5. You will take the lead role. Our externs gain firsthand experience mediating cases.
6. You will learn practical conflict resolution skills that will translate into all areas of life.
7. You are providing a service to the people of Oklahoma. Many members of the community cannot afford mediation services. Early Settlement provides low to no cost access to alternative dispute resolution.



Oklahoma Alternative Dispute Resolution System

Authority:

O.S. Title 12 § 1801 et seq.
Dispute Resolution Act.

Purpose:

To establish and oversee programs/centers in Oklahoma that offer all citizens convenient access to dispute resolution proceedings which are fair, effective, inexpensive and expeditious.

Volunteer Mediators:

Approximately 2500 statewide; all are non-paid volunteers unless operating within an in-house program where the service is part of a larger, encompassing job description.

Oversight:

Administrative Director of the Courts assisted by the Dispute Resolution Advisory Board.

Types of Mediation:

Small Claims, Landlord/Tenant, Family and Divorce, Child Permanency, Real Estate, Guardianship, and many more.

Oklahoma County Program



Early Settlement Mediation *Externship Program*



5 Stages of Mediation

STAGE 1

Introduction and Ground Rules
Initial Statement of Intentions



STAGE 2

Problem Determination



STAGE 3

Generating and Evaluation
of Alternatives



STAGE 4

Selection of Appropriate Alternatives
Focusing, Specifics, and Troubleshooting
of Agreement



STAGE 5

Conclusion




OVERVIEW OF THE EXTERNSHIP

- Required 20-hour civil mediation training
- Externship hours in courthouse setting
- Courtroom observation
- Interact with court staff, community, and attorneys
- Observe certified mediator(s)
- Achieve mediation certification

Externs are REQUIRED to mediate at the Small Claims/FED dockets in Oklahoma County at least two mornings per week during fall/spring (13 week period) and three or more mornings during the summer (8 week period).

**Externship requires morning availability from 8:30am until 11:30am on attendance days.*

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