

Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

CRITERIA FOR PARTNERING WITH THIRD PARTIES

The ADR Section Council of the State Bar of Michigan is committed to partnering with other institutions, groups, and individuals to achieve a core objective, as set forth in the Council's Mission Statement, of educating the judiciary, practitioners, and the public on the role of ADR in the resolution of disputes.

While the institutions, groups, or individuals with whom we might partner may potentially be "competitors" in an economic sense our goal is not to provide a direct economic advantage to any institution or group with whom we might partner. Rather, the Council's role will be to evaluate on an ad hoc basis whether or not the potential partnering arrangement is compatible with the following criteria:

1. Is it consistent with our goal of providing a high quality learning experience to our identified constituencies;
2. Will it have the potential to reach a significant number of our constituencies;
3. Does it meet a need of our constituencies;
4. Will it provide to the Council sufficient influence, appropriate under the circumstances, over curriculum, presenters, and content;
5. Does it detract from the achievement of the Council's other goals and objectives as determined by the Council's Mission Statement;
6. Does it have the potential to over extend our limited resources in achieving other goals and objectives as determined by the Council's Mission Statement; and,
7. Does it provide a potential vehicle for the achievement of other goals and objectives as determined by the Council's Mission Statement.

An evaluation of these criteria will be undertaken by the Executive Committee and a recommendation made to the Council for its consideration, deliberation and approval before the ADR Council enters into any partnering arrangement with any institution, group, or individual.

Where appropriate and practicable, potential partners will be requested to identify in writing how the proposed partnering relationship is consistent with the above criteria which will be provided to the council for its consideration during the deliberative process.