

**The Missouri Bar
Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee
Fall Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2007
Sarah J. Read & James R. Keller, Co-Chairs**

The following summary is arranged under the items on the circulated agenda. The agenda appears in bold and the summary in regular type.

1. Welcome & Introductions

New members in attendance were introduced and all members were given an opportunity to introduce themselves while an attendance sheet was circulated. Sarah Read also reviewed a letter from the Bar President on threats to the judiciary and urged member to download speaking resources related to defending the judiciary from the Bar website.

2. Review of Committee Purpose

The scope of this Committee is to consider and advise the Board of Governors on the development of all appropriate alternate dispute resolution possibilities which will improve the administration of justice in Missouri.

3. Appointment of Subcommittees

The subcommittees for the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee are: Arbitration Subcommittee, Mediation Subcommittee, Collaborative Law Subcommittee, and Legislation Subcommittee. A signup sheet was sent around. New members are always welcome to join a subcommittee at any time! If you would like to join a subcommittee, please e-mail one of the subcommittee chairs: Jim Keller (jrk@herzogcrebs.com) for Arbitration; Ron Wiesenthal (wiesatty@msn.com) for Mediation; Yvonne Homeyer (Yvonne@StLouisFamilyLaw.com) for Collaborative Law; and Sarah Read (sjr@readadr.com) for Legislation.

4. Subcommittee Reports

A. Arbitration

The comprehensive written Spring 2007 report and a fall update, both prepared by Jim Keller, were distributed. Copies will be available on the ADR Committee web page located under the Services & Resources/Missouri Bar Activities section of mobar.org.

B. Mediation

Ron Wiesenthal was introduced as the new subcommittee chair, and members met to discuss possible CLE programs for the upcoming year as well as outreach.

C. Collaborative Law

Stephen Stark reported on the subcommittee's successful fall CLE program on Collaborative Law and announced the Yvonne Homeyer would be chairing the

subcommittee for the next year.

D. Legislation

The Committee is not planning to submit any legislation this year. There was discussion about the possibility of a future bill on establishing a state Office of Dispute Resolution. This is being discussed by the Association of Missouri Mediators (AMM). There are various models that might be studied over the next year.

5. Discussion of Projects & Planning for the Upcoming Year

The Committee discussed the new on-line Rule 17 list and decided to honor Chris Janku for his support of the Committee with a certificate at the Spring 2008 meeting. The Committee also discussed offering an ADR program segment within other CLE program sponsored by the Bar, such as the Labor and Employment Symposium, and also a set of ADR seminars such as “Ethics in ADR”, “Emerging Trends in ADR”, and “ADR and [Business Law/Family Law]”. This will be discussed further at the spring meeting. Various ideas for a CLE program at the spring meeting were also discussed. This will be addressed further by the Committee leadership.

6. Adjourn