



# Dispute Resolution Newsletter

## August 2024

Hello. I'm back with the summer issue of the quarterly dispute resolution newsletter. I hope this issue finds you well and you have been able to slow down and enjoy the summer months.

The Advisory Council on Dispute Resolution has been busy working to enhance dispute resolution in Kansas. The council recently completed its mediation frequently asked questions video project, which includes six short educational videos that answer questions about mediation. You can get to the videos from the [Find a Dispute Resolution Provider or Program](#) page on the judicial branch website. The council intends for these videos to be a resource to the public, providers, programs, and self-help centers. If you have suggested video topics, email [adr@kscourts.org](mailto:adr@kscourts.org).

- [Is mediation the right choice for me?](#)
- [Is mediation voluntary, confidential, and safe?](#)
- [How much does mediation cost, and how long will it take?](#)
- [What do I look for when choosing a mediator?](#)
- [How does mediation work?](#)
- [How do I prepare for mediation?](#)

Take care,

Handwritten signature of Amanda Jacobsen

Amanda Jacobsen  
Director of Dispute Resolution

## 2023 Dispute Resolution Annual Report

The [2023 Dispute Resolution Annual Report](#) was recently published and is now on the judicial branch website. The report is submitted in compliance with [K.S.A. 5-506\(b\)](#), which requires the director of dispute resolution to report annually on the implementation of the Dispute Resolution Act. In this report, you will find information on the types of disputes handled by approved programs and individuals, statistics concerning numbers of disputes and their resolution, and other information relevant to achieving the goals of the Dispute Resolution Act. Go to [Dispute Resolution Annual Reports](#) to find past annual reports.



## Virtual Dispute Resolution Town Hall Meeting

You are invited to the Virtual Dispute Resolution Town Hall Meeting from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, November 14. The director of dispute resolution will lead the meeting, which is open to all providers and programs. It is free and approved for one hour of continuing dispute resolution education. The meeting is to allow providers to ask the director questions. Registration is required. After you register, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions to join the meeting. [Register for town hall.](#)

## Advisory Council on Dispute Resolution Membership



The Advisory Council on Dispute Resolution is composed of individuals from various disciplines who are trained and knowledgeable in dispute resolution. It consists of 19 voting members who serve three-year terms. In July, the council welcomed three new members: Jerrold Jost, Dr. Mark Glover, and Elizabeth Mayfield. Thank you to members of the council whose terms expired at the end of June: Jenna Esquibel, Janell Murphey, and Adina Morse. We appreciate all our past and present council members and their dedication to advancing dispute resolution initiatives.

## 2024 Advisory Council on Dispute Resolution

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To promote, encourage, and facilitate alternative dispute resolution services which are accessible and affordable.

— Advisory Council on Dispute Resolution mission statement