



Alternative Dispute Resolution Academy (ADRA)
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Unauthorized Practice of Law and ADR Practitioner

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2CME General Civil or 2CME Ethics

Presenter is reviewing historical data and guidelines to assist mediators in avoiding the unauthorized practice of law (UPL) when providing ADR services. Issues brought to discussion: historical court cases addressing UPL in Florida, DRC opinions on permitted mediators practices, selected mediator's and legal ethical rules related to UPL.

Topics discussed:

- Authority of the Florida Bar
- Consequences of UPL
- Historical background
- Florida Ethics Committee opinions
- Florida Bar rules : attorney mediators and rules for assisting non-licensed individuals or attorneys not licensed in Florida
- Florida Case Law (forms & services)
- Virginia & North Carolina briefs on mediation & UPL
- Florida attorney blog