



**Alternative Dispute Resolution Academy (ADRA)**  
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**Basic Contract Dispute Resolutions for Mediators**

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**2CME General Civil or 2CME Ethics**

This lecture introduces legally accepted terms to resolve contractual disputes without violating the rules for certified mediators (i.e. self determination). In addition, we discuss MEAC advisory opinions concerning mediators' ethics.

Topics discussed:

- Discuss the parties' right to self determination (MEAC opinion)
- Contract terms used in the legal field
- Legal theories to discharge duties under a contract
- Methods of how solutions can be suggested (open-ended questions v. affirmative suggestions)
- Review of sanctions against mediators not observing prescribed rules and undue influences on the parties to settle disputes