



Alternative Dispute Resolution Academy (ADRA)
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Substance Abuse and Effects; Mediators and Lawyers Good Moral Character Rules

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2CME General or 2 CME Ethics

This course is eligible for 2CME General hours or 2CME Ethics for mediators. This presentation provides information and generate discussion about alcohol as a drug, legal and illegal drugs abuse, effects on the body and the brain, consumption levels and addiction.

Presenters talk about Florida rules of good moral conduct for mediators and attorneys; studies about lawyers' substance abuse problems, and programs available to assist

Course topics:

Ethics - good moral character:

- FI Rules for court certified and appointed mediators - 10.110 Good Moral Character
- FI Bar Rules - Good Moral Character - Rule 3.7.1. Disqualifying conduct ; 1.3.2. Membership Classifications
- Rule 2-9.11
- Programs to assist attorneys battling with substance abuse

What is substance abuse and substance addiction:

- define alcohol as a sedative drug,
- describe alcohol's effects on the body and the brain,
- define alcoholism and recognize some of its symptoms,
- make appropriate choices regarding alcohol use, describe what to do when one feels that he/she is drinking too much,
- types of drugs abuse,
- effects on the body and addiction,
- why abuse occurs,
- how to prevent it