

# Texas Association of County Auditors

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# **25 Years Old**

**Texas Dispute Resolution System™  
Office of Dispute Resolution  
Domestic Relations Office**

# Organizational Relationships

- Enabling Statutes
- Board of Judges
- County Commissioners

# Range of Services

- Mediation
- Arbitration
- Facilitation
- Legal Information
- Social Studies
- Parent Coordinator
- Training / Workshops

# **Types of Disputes**

# TEXAS DISPUTE RESOLUTION SYSTEM™

## INQUIRIES AND REFERRALS

ADR Contract Counties: Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Garza, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock, Terry, and Yoakum

v. 01.06.09

### Community Non-Court

<u>Types</u>	<u>Sources</u>
Liability	Initiating Party
Property	Legal Services Agencies
Contract	Federal Government
Landlord/Tenant	State Government
Neighbors	Local Government
Consumer/Merchant	Rural/Urban Residents
Business	Agricultural Producers
Wages	Creditors of Producers
Estate Issues	Persons Affected
Adverse Decisions	by Government Actions

### Pre-Lit/Admin.

<u>Types</u>	<u>Sources</u>
Roof	Consumer
Flooding	Insurance Co.
Landlord/Tenant	Initiating Party
Employee/Employer	Federal Government
Real Estate	State Government
Construction	Local Government
Amer. Disabilities Act	Homeowners
Chemicals	Realtors
Insurance Claims	Construction
Crop Insurance	

### Education/Youth

<u>Types</u>	<u>Sources</u>
Roommates	Universities
Fraternities/Sororities	Students
Property	Parents
Club Membership	Law Enforcement
Landlord/Tenant	Prosecutors
Individualized Edu Plan	Justice of the Peace
Behavior Modification	
Accommodations	
Truancy	

### Civil

<u>Types</u>	<u>Sources</u>
Personal Injury w/vehicle	District Court (Federal/State)
Personal Injury w/o vehicle	County Court
Contracts	County Judge
Goods/Invoices	Justice of the Peace
Consumer/Merchant	Municipal Court
Real Estate	Parties
Neighbors	
Probate	
Harassment	
Employee/Employer	

### Family

<u>Types</u>	<u>Sources</u>
Modification	District Court
Parental Rights	County Court
Child Support	Associate Judge
Custody	Government
Visitation	Parties
Property	
Spousal Maintenance	
Foster Parents	
Parental Termination	

### Criminal

<u>Types</u>	<u>Sources</u>
Assault	District Court
Harassment	County Court
Criminal Mischief	District Attorney
Theft	County Attorney
Liability	Juvenile Justice Center
Neighbors	Law Enforcement
Forgery	Justice of the Peace
Terroristic Threat	
Burglary	
Credit Card Abuse	
Theft of Services	
Failure to Attend School	

# **Mediation**

**What Is It?**

# Who Are Mediators?

- Statutory Guidelines
- Training
- Immunity



# **Saving Money**

**\$10,000,000.00**

# Examples of Savings

- Courts
- Cases
- Contracts / Agreements

# Formula for Success

- Push
- Courts
- BAR
- Organizational Structure