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Commercial Section Committees

Active members maximize the full benefits of membership, including advancement of commercial ADR and interaction with top practitioners in the field.

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Member Benefits

Network with top ADR practitioners active in the commercial arena.

Achieve professional development through ongoing educational seminars and thought-provoking articles.

Influence the advancement of commercial ADR by engaging in committee work and sharing ideas in the section newsletter.

Stay connected on the latest developments in the industry.

Receive the full benefits of ACR membership, including members discounts and ACR publications.

The Commercial Section of ACR has a variety of programs and initiatives, including:

Advanced Commercial Mediation Institute

The Advanced Commercial Mediation Institute (ACMI) is an educational forum designed to further develop advanced skills of professionals experienced in mediating commercial and business disputes. ACMI features an interactive environment facilitated by leading practitioners and educators in the dispute resolution and related fields. Past programs have focused on innovative approaches for resolving business disputes such as the use of decision tree analyses and game theory.

Held each year in conjunction with the ACR Annual Conference, the program is limited to participants experienced in mediating complex commercial and business disputes so as to facilitate extensive interaction among participants and faculty.

ACMI is co-sponsored by the American Arbitration Association (AAA) and the ACR Commercial Section. Participants may qualify for A.C.E. or other continuing education credits.

International Committee

The use of alternative dispute resolution in international transactions is one of the most dynamic and fastest growing fields in the ADR profession. The increasing number of companies doing business in foreign countries and the complexity of those businesses stimulate this growth. Expansion of this field is also driven by the general recognition that mediation and arbitration are far better alternatives to cross-border litigation in most cases. The purpose of the International Committee is to inform Commercial Section members about developments in and opportunities for the commercial application of ADR in the international arena. It provides a source of information as well as an avenue for networking by Section members.

This committee offers special events and presentations and coordinated opportunities to collaborate with ACR's International Section. Updated postings on the Section's website in the following categories provide outreach to our members:

- Short articles on significant current issues, developments and events of particular importance to practitioners and educators in the field.
- Networking events and activities, including joint events with ACR's International Section, business opportunities, requests for and offers of information and assistance, recommended books, seminars, reports, etc.

Educational Programs

Teleseminars: Top practitioners in the field lead the Commercial Section's teleseminar series. Free to Section members, the sessions are offered approximately every two months and focus on timely issues and 'how to' advice directly applicable to the practice of commercial ADR.

Conflict Resolution Day: A worldwide annual celebration, Conflict Resolution Day is observed each October as a way of promoting awareness of mediation, arbitration, conciliation, and other methods of peaceful conflict resolution. The Commercial Section participates with programs and events that spotlight the use of these methods in commercial environments.