

Georgia Bar Dispute Resolution Section Pro Bono ADR Program with Georgia Legal Services

The Alternative Dispute Resolution Lawyers Section of the Atlanta Bar Association (ADRL) has partnered with The Atlanta Legal Aid Society for the last five years to provide pro bono mediation services in legal aid cases. We are expanding the service to Georgia Legal Services, with the help of members of the Georgia Bar Dispute Resolution Section. The purpose of the program is to provide fair, fast, and cost effective resolution of these disputes to benefit all parties. Georgia Legal Services will refer to mediation various of its cases, with the agreement of its clients and the opposing party, and ADR Section members will act as pro bono mediators for the cases.

Georgia Legal Services carries a tremendous case load throughout Georgia. Provision of pro bono mediation services through this program may allow Georgia Legal Services to spread its budget further and to expand its already excellent services to those in need.

In order to make the program a success, we need your help. We want to recruit experienced neutrals, from a wide range of practice areas, willing to provide ADR services to this program on a pro bono basis. You would not be called to serve more frequently than twice a year. Volunteers should have three years of active mediation experience and a current registration with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution. We are also looking for volunteers to provide initial training to the legal aid attorneys and staff regarding ADR processes and how to identify cases that may be good candidates for ADR.

Georgia Legal Services will identify cases it believes are appropriate for mediation and refers those cases, with the agreement of its clients and the opposing party and counsel, to the Section's Pro Bono Mediation program. The program administrators then match neutrals appropriate for the case and acceptable to the parties to each case. Fee arrangements may be negotiated by the neutral with the party that is not a legal aid client.

If interested, please fill out the attached form and send it and a current CV to Taylor T. Daly, Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, Atlantic Station, 201 17th Street NW, Suite 1700, Atlanta, GA 30363, taylor.daly@nelsonmullins.com. Please insure that your form includes your registration number with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution. Call Taylor Daly at 404-322-6156 with any questions you have.

This is a wonderful opportunity for members of our Section to meet our pro bono obligations to this community. We believe that the program provides an important service to the community. We hope that you will consider participating.

Taylor Daly
Chair
Georgia Bar Dispute Resolution Section