Mediation Clinic

Where We Are

The Student Law Office is located on the University of Denver campus (Evans and University) and can be reached by RTD Bus Lines.

*The Student Law Office is an equal opportunity services provider.

* The University of Denver is committed to equal access and participation for all persons, including those with disabilities. This includes providing reasonable accommodations pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. For more information, please call 303-871-6140.
The Mediation Clinic was established as a part of the University of Denver College of Law Clinical Programs in 1988. The Clinical Programs teach students through live client experience. Student mediators are trained in mediation and conflict assessment. They mediate a variety of disputes ranging from landlord tenant to misdemeanor criminal charges. Students also participate in onsite mediation at the Denver County Court.

Student mediation teams are assigned to faculty supervisors who advise students and monitor each mediation. There is no charge for these services.

The Mediation Clinic accepts cases during the regular Spring and Fall semesters. For information on whether or not we are currently accepting cases, please call 303-871-6140.

What is the Mediation Clinic?

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Mediation is an informal, voluntary process. A trained, neutral team of mediators facilitates an exchange of views by the parties and explores alternatives and possible solutions for resolving conflict.

The goal of mediation is to help the parties find and secure an agreement that is satisfying to all parties involved.

Why Should I Mediate

- Mediation is less formal and can be faster and less expensive than either arbitration or litigation
- Mediation may provide better solutions and more complete dispute resolution than more formal processes.
- Mediation allows parties to maintain power over their lives by enabling them to design their own solutions to disputes.
- Parties may also learn techniques to prevent or resolve future disputes.

What Kind of Problems Are Handled Through the Mediation Clinic?

A wide variety of disputes can be mediated, including those involving landlord tenant issues, neighbor relations, home repairs, car repairs, contracts, issues between roommates, consumer dissatisfaction, employment issues, and many others. Disputes most appropriate for mediation involve more than one issue and/or a continuing relationship between the parties.

What Happens During a Mediation?

A student mediator will first describe the process to all parties. Then each party will have an opportunity to present their viewpoint. The mediation team will facilitate discussion and encourage the parties to express and negotiate their own solutions which may include payment of money, repair work, or agreements to modify or cease specific behavior.

If a mutually satisfactory agreement is reached, it is reduced to writing, and each participant receives a copy of the agreement. If appropriate, as in instances of court ordered mediations, this agreement may be presented to an attorney for ratification by the court.

Where Do the Mediations Take Place?

After all parties have agreed to mediation, a session will be scheduled at the College of Law, or another agreed upon location. These sessions are scheduled during the day or early evening hours. All facilities are handicapped accessible. A session generally lasts from 2-4 hours. Most disputes are resolved within one session, but if the parties are unable to reach agreement, additional sessions may be scheduled.