

Practical Confidentiality: What Every Internal Neutral & ADR Participant Should Consider

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The ADR Act of 1996 requires agency staff serving as neutrals or participating in ADR to ensure the confidentiality of many communications related to the ADR process. All well and good...but how does one do so effectively in the day-to-day work environment of an agency office? A number of practical dilemmas face any federal employee involved in ADR:

How do I know what communications I'm required to protect?
How do I maintain records to ensure they are not disclosed?
How do I respond appropriately to requests for protected communications?

This interactive webinar presentation will provide participants with a basic understanding of the confidentiality requirements of the ADR Act and a unique opportunity to explore the practical implications of confidentiality requirements on how business is conducted in their organization.

Speaker Biographies:

David C. Batson, Esq. has 32 years of conflict resolution experience, including over 20 years as an ADR professional with a specialty in mediation of enforcement, employment, and regulatory disputes, and service as Senior Counsel for the EPA Office of Enforcement. David is a leading subject matter expert on ADR confidentiality and was a primary author of federal guidance documents on the implications of confidentiality requirements.

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