

Dispute Resolution Clinic
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Questions for Attorneys

A. Background

1. What is your experience with mediation?
2. What do you like/dislike about the mediation process?

B. Timing

3. Who makes the decision to go to mediation?
4. Do you discuss the possibility of going to mediation with your client?
5. When is the right time to go to mediation?

C. Mediator Selection

6. What do you want from a mediator?
7. Are you looking for a particular style of mediator?
8. Must the mediator be experienced?
9. Do you prefer a mediator with doctrinal expertise/specific background based on the case?
10. Do you regularly use the same mediators?
11. What would lead you to try a new mediator? Availability? Low Rates? Recommendations? Personal knowledge about the mediator?

D. Mediator Certification

12. Do you check to see if the mediator is certified?
13. Does it matter to you if the mediator is certified? Why?
14. How do you feel about mediators who are not certified?

E. Advice

15. What advice do you have for someone looking to get started as a mediator?