

2 Day Med-Arbitration Overview

Med-arbitration is becoming an increasingly popular way to resolve disputes. It can be designed to efficiently, effectively and fairly resolve disputes most typically encountered in everyday personal and commercial matters including disputes involving both lower and higher monetary amounts and disputes where relationships are of lesser or greater importance. It can be used in family disputes, commercial disputes, partnership disputes, landlord and tenant disputes, condominium disputes, and many others.

If designed and conducted appropriately, med-arbitration can be highly client-centric, fair, effective and satisfying. On the other hand, if it is inappropriately designed or conducted, it can lead to confusion, frustration and on-going dissatisfaction.

This med-arbitration workshop, delivered by highly experienced dispute resolution professionals, is an intensive two-day practical immersion in the knowledge and competencies required to run a fair, effective and efficient med-arbitration process.

This workshop will be of interest to practitioners with a wide variety of subject matter expertise including mediators, lawyers, arbitrators, tribunal members and those supporting them, internal conflict management program participants, and anyone wanting to seriously enhance their conflict management and med-arbitration knowledge and skills.

Participants will explore where med-arbitration fits in to the overall conflict management continuum, how it compares to other dispute resolution processes such as mediation, arbitration, and litigation, and when its use is appropriate.

Participants will be given a solid theoretical understanding of med-arbitration and the practical skills and tools to confidently conduct efficient, effective and fair med-arbitration hearings.

Topics covered include: an overview of the med-arbitration process, the benefits, challenges and pitfalls of the process, standards of conduct and ethical issues related to the process, the negotiation and drafting of the med-arbitration agreement, developing a reflective practice, transitioning from mediation to arbitration, how arbitrators make decisions, award writing, and practical professional considerations for the med-arbitrator.

The workshop will take place in a positive and supportive learning environment using interactive adult teaching methods. All participants will be given opportunities to practice as a med-arbitrator at various stages throughout the med-arbitration process. Teaching methodologies include short lectures, case studies, demonstrations, small group discussions, interactive exercises, and role plays followed by constructive feedback.