



ADR Services Fee Schedule

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) provides individuals an alternative to litigation to resolve many types of disputes. We provide ADR services for both family and civil matters such as divorce/separation, custody/visitation, spousal/partner support, child support, division of assets/debts, eviction and other landlord/tenant issues, neighbor/neighbor, harassment, small claims, and many others. Inquiries may be submitted via our website.

Mediation is the most common ADR method, and we encourage individuals to **think mediation first**. Many courts, including those in Orange County, require parties to make an effort to mediate before they will be scheduled for a hearing in front of a judge. A mediator is a neutral third party who assists parties in reaching an agreement. Mediation is voluntary and confidential.¹ OCHR mediators may give legal information but never give legal advice.

Our ADR services are funded in part by a grant from the County of Orange and are intended for use by Orange County residents. Preference will be given to parties who are residents of Orange County, California.

Parties who contract with OCHR for mediation services will be charged on a sliding fee scale. OCHR charges each party separately. *OCHR will not deny service to any party based on an inability to pay.*

The amount each party will be charged is determined by their individual gross annual income based on the following fee scale:

Gross Income	< \$58,451	\$58,451-\$100,000	\$100,001-\$150,000	>\$150,000
Cost/Hr/Party	No Charge	\$25	\$50	\$100

The following rates will be applied when a party to the case is an organization rather than an individual.

- Non-Profit & Government Rate: \$50/hour
- Business Rate: \$100/hour

¹ Mediation confidentially does not apply in certain circumstances. See Evidence Code sections 1115-1126.