

Mediation

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lat. mediatio, mediare = divide in the middle



Definition Webster's intervention between conflicting parties to promote reconciliation, settlement, or compromise



Definition Black's Law Dictionary

A method of non-binding dispute resolution involving a neutral third party who tries to help the disputing parties reach a mutually agreeable solution



Mediation =

Third Party Intervention in order to solve a conflict by promoting an interest-oriented solution set up jointly by the conflicting parties

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The Mediator

- No competence to make decision
- Supporter/promoter of negotiation
- Non-party
- Develops the capability to actively empathize with each party's position
- promotes "integrative" behaviour
- In most countries, no regulated education, no protected title



The Mediation

Overcomes the zero sum paradigm

→ mediation creates addes value

or: creating sustainable win-win solutions

Advantage: avoids pure legal view on problems



The Mediation

Mediation is based on insights of

- conflict theory
- negotiation theory
- communication theory



People involved

Mediator

Conflict party 1

Conflict party 2



People involved

Mediator

Conflict party 1 Legal adviser 1 Conflict party 2 Legal adviser 2



- Opening
 - Mutual will to enter mediation
 - Choosing a mediator



- Opening
 - Mutual will to enter mediation
 - Choosing a mediator
- Getting started
 - Introduction by mediator
 - Information about mediation
 - Mediation contract (trilateral)



- Inventory
 - Collecting all the issues and problems
 - Legal questions
 - Background
 - Definition of aim(s)



- Reaching a solution
 - Brainstorming
 - Evaluation of possible solutions
 - Identifying preferred solution
 - Definition of solution
- Finalization and Codification



Mediation Issues

- Statutory limitation /forfeiture
- Enforceability
- Confidentiality
- → cf. EU directive 2008/52/EG of 21 May 2010



Thank you!

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