

ARCHITECT/CONSTRUCTION MEDIATOR

Why would an architect make an effective mediator?

An architect with years of experience designing buildings and observing construction is really managing relationships among the numerous stakeholders in the building process and will have an intimate understanding of the many issues that are likely to arise in a dispute. An architect will not need nor rely on lengthy explanations from another party or counsel to grasp the basics and nuances of a design and construction related claim. He will understand what is expected of the parties, when and why misunderstandings occur and will be able to offer realistic options and creative opportunities for prevention and resolution.



Architects are trained as designers to be creative problem solvers and bring to the table this skill in order to help parties find ways out of disputes before or after the parties are represented by counsel.

What should you look for in a design and construction mediator?

- * Substantive knowledge of technical and practical matters
- * Direct knowledge of the design and construction process
- * Knowledge of the roles, responsibilities, and expectations of all parties as generally understood in the industry
- * Knowledge of the various contractual relationships between architects, engineers, contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers
- * Understanding of such different project delivery methods as design/bid/build, design/build, and construction management
- * Professional experience in a variety of project types with a range of design and technical complexities

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