Workshop on Applicability of ADR techniques to Reduce Pendency in Courts

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REDUCING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PARTIES: ROLE OF DIFFERENT STAKEHOLDERS

Differences

Unwilling for Negotiation

Sticking to their Position

Reaching Impasse after Negotiation

THE STAKEHOLDERS

- Parties
- Referral Judges
- Mediators
- Advocates
- Registry

All Stakeholders

- Informal and polite
- An atmosphere of trust
- Focus is on solving the problem and future action
- Rights are protected without being adversarial.

Communication

- Flow of information becomes more open, accurate and honest
- Two way exchange of communication and parties communicate directly to each other
- Helps to identify the needs of the parties and find mutually acceptable solutions

Techniques

- Parties try to identify their interest and possible solutions
- Discussions to identify satisfactory options
- Negotiation to identify mutually agreeable options
- Consensus-building to reach an agreement

Consequence

- Mutually acceptable solutions WIN WIN
- Relationships stay intact
- Greater satisfaction

BARRIERS OF NEGOTIATION

- Strategic Barriers
- Principal-Agent Barriers
- Cognitive Barriers
- Psychological Barriers

IMPASSE & TYPES

EMOTIONAL

SUBSTANTIVE

PROCEEDURAL

EMOTIONAL

- Personal animosity
- Frustration
- Pride
- Mistrust
- Fear of loosing
- vengence

SUBSTANTIVE

- Lack of knowledge
- Lack of bargaining power
- Strong positions
- 3rd parties involvement
- Investment in time and money

PROCEEDURAL

- No trust in Process
- No Trust in Mediator
- Belief that Court is shirking its responsibility to decide

STRATEGIES

- Start all over again
- Caucus
- Take a break
- Postpone the issue for later
- Review progress made
- Refer to similar situations
- Approach from new angle
- Propose option for new framework
- Expert opinion
- Explore hypothetical's
- Draw on flip chart
- Go back to WATNA, BATNA AND MLATNA

MEDIATORS ROLE

- Right Based to Interest Based Negotiation
- Distributive to Integrated Bargaining
- Separate people from the problem
- Focus on interests
- Create Variety of options
- Rely on objective criteria

ADVOCATE'S ROLE

- Understanding the Difference between Mediation Advocacy and Arguments before Court
- Allowing parties to take primacy
- Preparing their parties to negotiate better
- Drafting Agreements with clarity and without being adjudicatory

REFERRAL JUDGE'S ROLE

- An Ideal Referral
 - * Summoning of Parties
 - * Explaining in brief about mediation
 - * Passing appropriate Referral Order
- Monitoring
 - Monitoring –Vs- Confidentiality
- Recording Agreements

Parties' Role

- Wants –vs- Needs
- Viewing from the Opponent's view point
- Communicating honestly and politely
- Understanding the Benefits of Mediation & Ending Litigation
- Moving from the past to future

Registry's Role

Providing Comfortable atmosphere

Receiving and guiding parties

Maintaining Records and Prompt Service

Questions

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