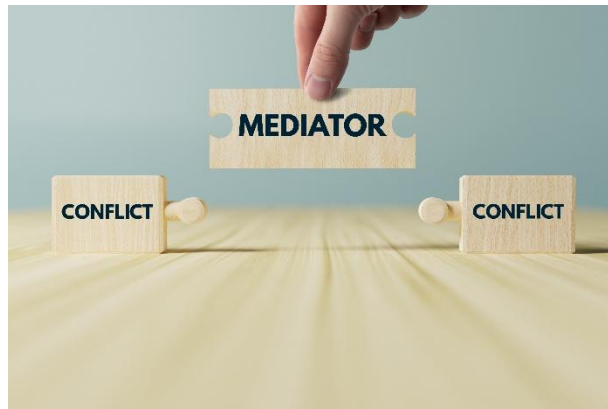




Quick Guide: Why Choose Mediation?

What is Mediation? Mediation is a voluntary process used to resolve disputes without going to court. A neutral third party, called a mediator, helps the participants communicate and work toward a solution that both sides can accept. Many real estate contracts, such as the C.A.R. Residential Purchase Agreement, require mediation before pursuing other legal options like arbitration or litigation.



Why Choose Mediation? Mediation offers several benefits compared to arbitration or court:

- **Faster Resolution:** Mediation can often be scheduled quickly and completed in a single session—typically within 60 days of the initial request. Most sessions last about four hours.
- **Lower Cost:** Mediation is generally much less expensive than arbitration or litigation, which can take months or years and cost significantly more.
- **Collaborative Solutions:** Mediation promotes open dialogue, allowing the parties to create agreements that work for everyone involved.