



Streamlined Mediator Selection Procedure

This procedure applies for disputes mediated under the CPR Mediation Procedure where the parties have agreed to the Streamlined Mediator Selection Procedure.

The dispute will be mediated pursuant to the [CPR Mediation Procedure](#) modified as follows:

Mediator Selection

The mediator shall be selected from CPR's Panels of Distinguished Neutrals. The mediator will be directly appointed by CPR, after the parties have agreed upon a date, as follows:

- A. To streamline the appointment process and ensure the best neutral selection possible, the parties will complete an online form providing any desired mediator qualifications, as well as a list of entities to be checked for conflicts. CPR will use this information to identify a mediator to be nominated for the matter. Before advising the parties of the nominee, CPR will first request the mediator candidate to disclose all circumstances, reasonably known to the candidate, that may cause the mediator not to be perceived as impartial. In considering which past and present relationships with parties, counsel, or others should be disclosed, candidates will be asked to review and be guided by the Proposed Model Rule 4.5.3¹, developed by the CPR-Georgetown Commission on Ethics & Standards in ADR.
- B. Once CPR determines that any disclosures do not prevent a mediator from being nominated, CPR shall nominate the mediator to the parties, and the parties shall have two business days to challenge the mediator candidate if they know of any circumstances giving rise to reasonable doubt regarding the candidate's impartiality.
- C. Absent any objection – or if any objection raised is overruled by CPR – the mediator candidate shall be appointed to mediate the dispute.

¹ See <https://www.cpradr.org/resource-center/protocols-guidelines/ethics-codes/model-rule-for-the-lawyer-as-third-party-neutral>