



## Law Firm Policy Statement on Resolving Disputes

We recognise that for many disputes there may be less expensive and more effective methods of resolution than traditional litigation. Negotiation, mediation and other collaborative approaches can often reduce the direct and indirect costs for businesses of litigation or prolonged disputes, preserve business relationships and result in solutions which are not available in court.

In recognition of this, we subscribe to the following statement of policy on behalf of our firm.

We will seek to ensure that appropriate lawyers in our firm are knowledgeable and able to advise clients about mediation and other collaborative approaches.

Whenever appropriate, the responsible solicitor will discuss with the client the availability of collaborative approaches, such as mediation, so that the client can make an informed choice concerning resolution of the dispute.

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We acknowledge that the idea for such a Policy Statement emanates from the internationally-recognised CPR Institute for Dispute Resolution, based in New York, soon to be renamed The International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution.