



## ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES

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The Administrative Conference of the United States was established by Congress in the 1960s as an independent federal agency, structured to be a public-private partnership, and charged with developing ways to improve federal administrative procedures.

During the 1980s and 1990s, based on our empirical studies and legal research, we developed a number of recommendations and procedures for appropriate and effective use of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) by federal agencies. We worked closely with Congressional staff leading to passage of the Administrative Dispute Resolution Act in 1990, which was based largely on Administrative Conference recommendations. Subsequently, we advised and assisted many agencies on creating new ADR programs.

Building on that foundation, the federal government's continuing approach to conflict management and dispute resolution has evolved in a great variety of directions with outstanding results. The Administrative Conference strongly supports these efforts and salutes the ADR accomplishments of our colleagues on the occasion of the annual Conflict Resolution Day, October 15, 2015.

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