



THE LAW SOCIETY
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**DISPUTE
RESOLUTION
SCHEMES**

HELPING YOU RESOLVE DISPUTES

With the Law Society's Alternative
Dispute Resolution Schemes



MEDIATION



NEUTRAL
EVALUATION AND
DETERMINATION



ARBITRATION



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DISPUTE RESOLUTION SCHEMES

Introducing the Law Society of Singapore's suite of Alternative Dispute Resolution Schemes, aimed at promoting the quick and cost-effective resolution of disputes.

Are you involved in a legal dispute?

A legal dispute happens when there is a disagreement or conflict over a legal duty or right.

COMMERCIAL



- > A supplier failing to deliver goods according to the contract terms.
- > A competitor spreading false rumours about a company and/or its products.
- > Disputes occur in various sectors and industries, including:
 - Construction
 - Corporate
 - Employment
 - Energy and Offshore
 - Engineering
 - Intellectual Property
 - International Trade
 - Maritime and Shipping
 - Media
 - Professional Liability

NON-COMMERCIAL



- > A tenant disagreeing with the deducted amount from the deposit held by the landlord.
- > A person claiming compensation for damage caused to his house by construction activities.
- > Common areas of dispute include the following:
 - Family
 - Damage to Property
 - Tenancy

COMMON AVENUES FOR RESOLVING DISPUTES

ENGAGING IN NEGOTIATION



Engaging in negotiation without the help of a properly trained mediator may expose you to risks such as:

- > Tempers fraying during negotiation, leading to a total breakdown of communication.
- > Agreeing to settlement terms which may not be beneficial to both parties.

GOING TO COURT



- > A typical case could take anywhere between 9 to 18 months to complete (assuming there is no appeal).
- > Parties have little or no control over the conduct of court proceedings.
- > Trials and judgments of cases are usually made publicly accessible.

There are Alternative Dispute Resolution Schemes from the Law Society of Singapore that can be more suitable for you.

Helping you:



ACHIEVE A MORE AMICABLE OUTCOME FOR BOTH PARTIES



MAINTAIN CONFIDENTIALITY







SAVE COSTS



SAVE TIME

The Law Society's Alternative Dispute Resolution Schemes in a Nutshell

SCHEME	KEY BENEFITS	SUITABLE FOR
MEDIATION  Choose someone to facilitate the negotiation between parties to arrive at a mutually acceptable resolution.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Parties are directly involved in the decision making process so that they have better control over the outcome. > Private and confidential. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Preserving the relationship between parties. > Preventing minor disputes from escalating. > Parties who are looking for a quick and cost-effective way.
NEUTRAL EVALUATION  Choose someone to evaluate the dispute for parties to better understand the strengths and weaknesses of their own cases.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Advice given is non-binding. > Parties can use the evaluation to know where they stand. > Private and confidential. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Preserving the relationship between parties. > Parties who wish to use the evaluation to decide on the next step.
NEUTRAL DETERMINATION  Choose someone to decide the dispute temporarily. If either party is unhappy with that decision, he can apply to an arbitrator or a court for a fresh decision.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Allows a dispute to be temporarily resolved in a quick and cost-effective way. > Private and confidential. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Parties who want a temporary determination of their dispute quickly, whilst preserving the right to obtain a final resolution through arbitration or court proceedings.
ARBITRATION  Choose someone to make a final decision on the dispute (usually someone who has specialised knowledge and experience in a particular field or industry).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Decision made is final and binding. > Award rendered is enforceable in over 150 countries. > Private and confidential. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Parties who wish to enforce the award in other countries. > Maintaining confidentiality of the dispute and the proceedings.

Why choose the Law Society's Alternative Dispute Resolution Schemes?



HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL PANELLISTS

All our panels consist of experienced, accredited practitioners with industry-specific knowledge. Some are also senior counsel, former judges, or former judicial commissioners.



SPEEDY RESOLUTION PROCESS

Our schemes are designed to resolve your disputes quickly and efficiently. For example, our arbitration scheme resolves disputes within 120 days as far as practicable.



FRIENDLY FEE STRUCTURE

We believe that any man on the street and even SMEs should have access to good quality justice at affordable prices.


About the Law Society of Singapore

The Law Society of Singapore is an independent body established under the Legal Profession Act. Its mission is to serve its members and the public by sustaining an independent bar which upholds the rule of law and ensures access to justice.

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we can help you resolve
your dispute(s), contact**

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