

Mediation Suitability Checklist

Case Name: _____

[A checklist to assist in determining the suitability of a particular dispute for mediation]

**Instructions: For each of the following statements circle the number which most closely corresponds to your reaction. Total the circled numbers. Disputes generating a score of 21 or greater should be considered prime candidates to refer to mediation.
1 = strongly disagree; 2 = disagree; 3 = no opinion; 4 = agree; 5 = strongly agree**

1. Parties have a history of cooperation and successful problem solving.
1 2 3 4 5
2. The number of parties to this dispute is limited (i.e. four or less)
1 2 3 4 5
3. Issues in dispute are not overwhelming in number and we have been able to agree on some issues:
1 2 3 4 5
4. The hostility of both sides to this dispute is moderate or low
1 2 3 4 5
5. The parties desire for settlement is high
1 2 3 4 5
6. There is external pressure to settle (time, money, unpredictable outcomes, etc.)
1 2 3 4 5
7. There is a possibility of an ongoing relationship among the parties.
1 2 3 4 5

Total Score: _____

Date: _____

Name : _____