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The ADR Services Department of The Bar Association of San Francisco presents

Will New State Bar ADR Certification Govern Your Practice?

**Wednesday
August 6, 2025**

MCLE Registration: 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

In-Person Program: 12:00 - 1:15 p.m.

Speaker

Ron Kelly

Mediator

Moderator

Miranda Martin

ADR Program Manager, The Bar Association of San Francisco

The State Bar of California is designing a new certification program for all neutrals and organizations providing nonjudicial ADR. It's intended to shape the evolution of the field in California as it has in other states with similar governmental-entity certification.

This program will provide attorneys and mediators with essential information about the development and likely impact of this new regulatory framework. Attendees will hear from Ron Kelly, a nationally recognized expert in ADR law and a current member of the State Bar Working Group tasked with designing the certification program.

The program will outline the statutory basis for the new certification requirement, including mandatory ethical and disclosure standards, complaint processes, and decertification procedures. Participants will gain insight into the decision-making process currently underway and how these changes may affect mediation and arbitration practices throughout the state.

Ron Kelly will also discuss opportunities for professionals in the field to provide input and shape the program's final form. The session will include an interactive component where attendees can raise specific concerns or proposals for consideration by the Working Group.

Topics

- Understand the scope and purpose of California's newly enacted ADR provider certification law.
- Identify the potential benefits and obligations of becoming a certified ADR provider under the new State Bar program.
- Recognize key ethical and disclosure standards that will govern certified providers.
- Analyze how the certification and complaint process may impact their own ADR practice or organization.
- Engage meaningfully in the ongoing design and implementation process, including providing feedback to the State Bar Working Group.

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