

COMMITTEE ON LAWYER-TO-LAWYER DISPUTE RESOLUTION
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PURPOSE

The purpose of the Lawyer-to-Lawyer Dispute Resolution Program is to provide a mechanism for resolving economic disputes between lawyers that is quick, efficient, cost-effective, and beneficial to the judicial system. The program improves relations between attorneys and alleviates some additional burden on our court system.

ANNUAL REPORT

As we enter our 18th year, the program continues to offer three resolution options: (1) mediation only; (2) mediation followed by binding arbitration of all issues not resolved through mediation; and (3) arbitration only.

For the fiscal year 2008 to date (April 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008), staff reports the following activity:

New files opened:	6
Resolved by mediation:	2
Resolved by arbitration:	3
Mediated by not resolved:	1
Settled by parties prior to arbitration hearing:	1
Cases pending:	2

The CBA provides a valuable service by ensuring that lawyers can be reviewed and judged by their peers in a confidential and professional manner. Program participants are very satisfied with the program judging by the letters of thanks received by mediators and program staff.