ALTERNATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

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Director Research/Faculty Member, Punjab Judicial Academy, Lahore 89.A.C.P.C Alternate Dispute Resolution. -- The Court may, where it considers necessary, having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, with the object of securing expeditious disposal of a case, in or in relation to a suit, adopt with the consent of the parties alternate dispute resolution method including mediation and conciliation.

- Order X Rule 1-A. The Court may adopt any lawful procedure not inconsistent with the provisions of this Code to--
- (i) conduct preliminary proceedings and issue orders for expending processing of the case;
- (ii) issue, with the consent of parties, commission to examine witnesses admit documents and take other steps for the purpose of trial;
- (iii) adopt with the consent of parties, any alternative method of dispute resolution including mediation, conciliation or any such other means.

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"18. For early disposal of cases, the courts should adopt the following measures:

. . . .

(d) The courts should make use of section 89-A C.P.C to resolve disputes through Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) including conciliation, mediation and arbitration or any such other appropriate mode."