



RE: ADR in Pennsylvania – Adoption of Model Standards

The PBA has recently adopted the Model Standards of Conduct for Mediators. The Standards were previously adopted by the American Arbitration Association (AAA), American Bar Association and the Association for Conflict Resolution. The PBA encourages all practicing mediators in Pennsylvania to adhere to the professional and ethical standards set forth in the Model Standards, including but not limited to its members.

The purpose of this letter is to urge your local bar association to consider adopting the Model Standards of Conduct for Mediators and to implement and follow the standards in your county's court-run and/or private ADR programs.

The Model Standards can be found on the AAA website (<https://www.adr.org/>) or you can contact our ADR Committee Co-Chair, Brooks Foland (brooksfolandadr@gmail.com) and he can assist you further.

As always, thank you for your continued commitment to our community and for your long partnership with the PBA.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Hamilton".

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CC: County Bar Executive Directors