

ARBITRATION & MEDIATION SERVICES

Lightfoot delivers cost-effective and efficient alternative dispute resolution services.

Not all cases have to go to trial. While we're confident and experienced in the courtroom, our goal is always to provide the best resolution for our clients, whether through trial, arbitration, mediation, administrative proceedings or any of the numerous alternatives for dispute resolution. Alternative dispute resolution services provide our clients with a valuable, cost-effective option in their pursuit to resolve various obstacles.

Clients choose ADR for many reasons, and not always just to avoid litigation. Mediation, for example, allows both parties to be heard and then work together toward a mutually acceptable resolution. We are prepared to help resolve cases on reasonable terms that allow our clients to manage risk in a way that fits their business goals. Mediation is particularly helpful when parties want to maintain a business relationship after the dispute is resolved. Arbitration has the advantage of resembling a trial in many ways, including obtaining a binding decision by an independent third party, called a neutral, who acts much like a judge.

In addition to representing clients during ADR proceedings, several members of the firm have served as arbitration and mediation neutrals.

Other members of Lightfoot's team, such as **Jack Sharman** and **Rob Wilkins**, have spent a significant portion of their long legal careers serving as mediators and arbitrators in a wide variety of disputes.