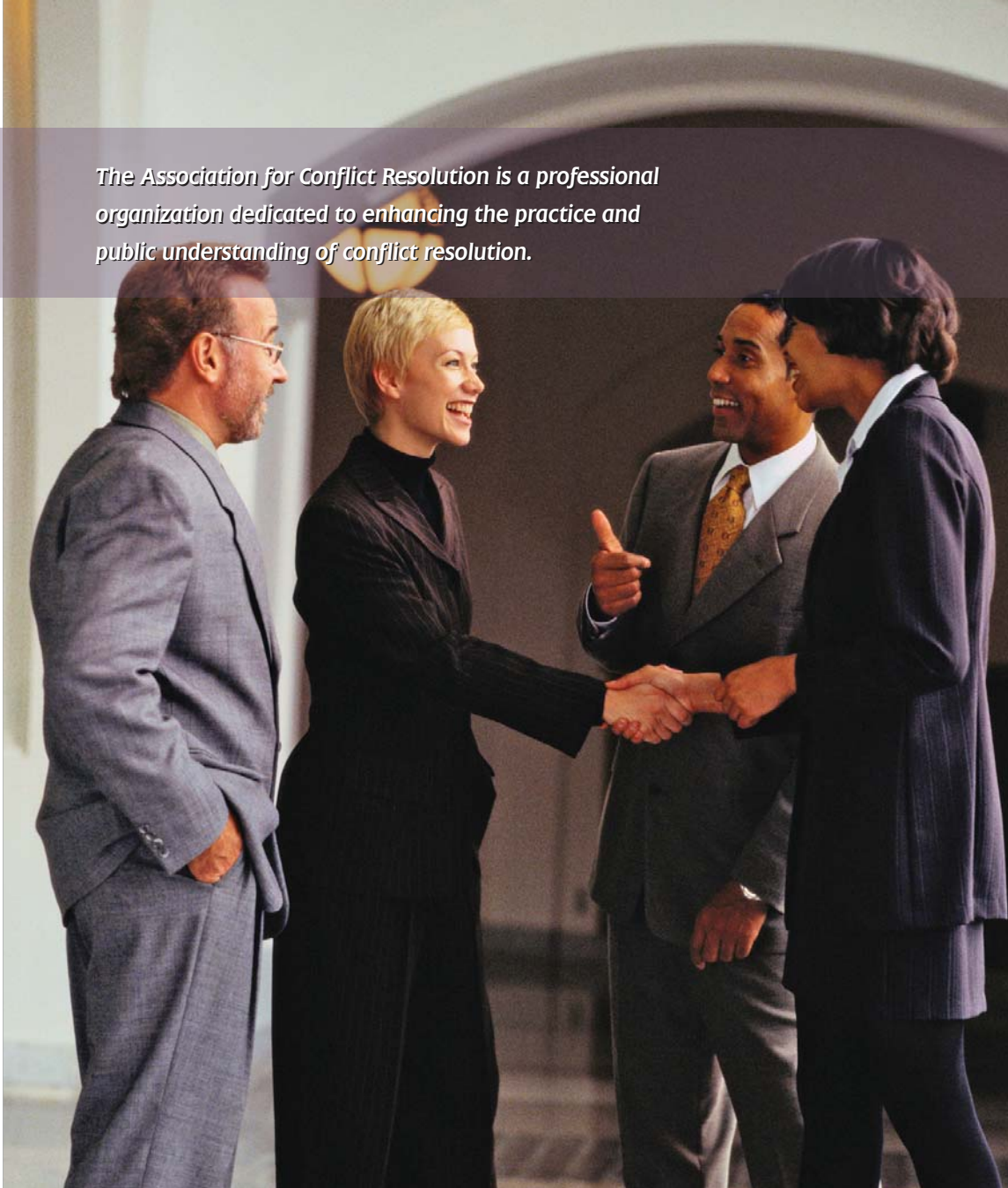




ACR Sections offer professional advancement through collaboration.

The Association for Conflict Resolution is a professional organization dedicated to enhancing the practice and public understanding of conflict resolution.



Education provides resources and support for practitioners, educators, students, youth, trainers, community activists and administrators in the alternative dispute resolution field and pre-K-12 to higher education settings.

Environment and Public Policy (EPP) promotes the development of public environmental dispute resolution through a strong network of practitioners, providers, users and researchers. Hosts annual conferences attended by new and experienced conflict resolution professionals. Provides guidance in involving volunteers and generating financial resources.

Family provides resources, mentoring and networking for members in a wide range of family mediation areas. Hosts conferences where attendees meet other practitioners and participate in exciting and valuable workshops. Publishes a quarterly newsletter for family mediation interests. Offers Advanced Practitioner and Approved Training Program designations to members who meet the established criteria.

Healthcare identifies best practices, provides a forum for networking, assists members in educating the public and the healthcare industry, and offers a Healthcare Section Help Line.

International works to make nonviolent dispute resolution processes more readily available throughout the world. Works with parties in international conflicts to design and implement processes which best meet their needs, consistent with the goal of resolving conflicts with maximum equity for all.

Become Part of
the **Solution**



**Association for
Conflict Resolution**

1015 18th Street, NW, Suite 1150
Washington, DC 20036
Phone: (202) 464-9700 | Fax: (202) 464-9720
Email: Sections@ACRnet.org | Web: www.ACRnet.org

**Professional
Interest Sections**



**Association for
Conflict Resolution**

Join ACR and its Professional Interest Sections

The **Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR)** is a nonprofit organization representing and serving a diverse national and international audience involved in the field of conflict resolution and collaborative decision-making. ACR members include some 6,500 mediators, arbitrators, facilitators, educators, and others. Anyone interested in the field of conflict resolution is welcome to join ACR and one or more of its many Professional Interest Sections.

Professional Interest Sections are one a constituent part of ACR and serve as ACR's programmatic core. Sections provide members with the ability to network with colleagues practicing in the same area, and through these connections provide in-depth conversation about key issues facing the field of conflict resolution. Sections provide value to their members through a wide array of dynamic programs, while providing an opportunity for volunteer leadership for individual to participate actively in ACR. Sections learn from one another through coordinated cross-fertilization programs that share the best each Section has to offer.

As an ACR Section member you can:

- Keep up with latest developments and research through ACR's quarterly magazine and journal, newsletters, special papers and reports, online discussions, teleconferences and more.
- Further your professional development through participation in annual conferences.
- Network with professionals in YOUR special areas of interest.
- Trade tips with other Section members.
- Learn best practices from the experts.
- Work together to develop new ideas in the conflict resolution field.



ACR Sections actively promote and enhance their areas of dispute resolution. Here's an overview of some Section activities:

Commercial addresses the concerns of ADR practitioners who provide ADR services for the resolution of disputes arising out of commercial activities such as contracts, financial services, business partnerships and so on.

Community provides networking about best practices, resources for educating the public about the value of ADR, and expertise to help members enhance their practice and develop contacts with community mediators.

Consumer provides members with information on a wide variety of consumer disputes—including business-consumer, consumer-consumer and business-business—as well as innovative ways to market their services.

Court offers best practices, networking, identification of resources, development of model practices, and training program information to individuals involved in Court ADR programs. Also provides extensive resources for developing high quality court-annexed ADR programs throughout the country.

Crisis Intervention provides cutting-edge information in the crisis negotiation field as well as a network of professionals to help members develop advanced skills in de-escalating high conflict interactions. Features an extensive list of resources, including an FBI hostage and crisis negotiation bibliography.

"I'm honored, as always, to be a part of such a wonderful and nurturing community." – Brynn Gallaher, Spirituality Section Member

Organizational Conflict Management (OCM) helps members excel at developing integrated organizational conflict management systems by identifying practice models and best practices, providing educational opportunities, and connecting members with other ACR Sections, conflict resolution disciplines and organizations.

Ombuds/Ombudsman offers education, networking and information to professionals in the Ombuds and Ombudsman community and to those interested in accountability and applied conflict resolution systems in corporations, government, academia or nonprofits. Ombuds and Ombudsman programs serve as the cornerstone of well-designed conflict management systems and provide increased accountability that is being demanded among private and public organizations.

Online Dispute Resolution serves as the growing population of clients who wish to resolve disputes through the use of online technology. Explores the possibilities and researches pitfalls, while making available the best and most advanced knowledge in the field. Provides ongoing mentoring and networking.

Research provides a vital forum for cross-fertilization of ideas where researchers and practitioners from all areas of the conflict resolution field can share research, practical applications and new ideas. Focus committees include Learning Networks, Intellectual Leadership and Next Generation Research.

Build your network and expand your knowledge with ACR Sections.



Restorative and Criminal Justice shares information about innovative programs in community, criminal and restorative justice. Serves as a resource for training in the areas of family conferencing, peace circles, and victim-offender mediation. Offers networking resources for expertise needed in individual situations.

Spirituality shares opportunities for inner resource development, as well as practices that support and enhance who we are as mediators. Provides online resources, book clubs, online discussions and much more.

Training facilitates the design and presentation of cutting-edge programs that enhance the development of trainers and training systems.

Workplace represents workplace neutrals in both the labor and employment settings, including mediators, arbitrators, ADR program managers, coaches, ombuds, system design consultants, academics, researchers and group facilitators. The Workplace Sections offers a "one-stop shop" for Workplace ADR training opportunities, and Advanced Practitioner designations for mediators and arbitrators.

To find a complete list of Sections and to join a Section, visit www.ACRnet.org: log in to ACR's Member Center, click on My Account History, click on Add Sections, and click on the Sections you want to add. Or call (202) 464-9700 ext. 245 today. Annual Section membership fees apply.

Section membership is open to ACR members only.