FEE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAM

Please read carefully before filling out the form:

The Oregon State Bar’s Fee Dispute Resolution is voluntary, not mandatory. The program is designed to resolving disputes over fees between:
• An Oregon attorney and a client;
• Oregon clients with out-of-state attorneys; or
• Attorneys who are members of the Oregon State Bar.

The OSB General Counsel’s Office may decline matters where there is less than $250 in dispute.

Mediation is a non-binding form of alternative dispute resolution. Mediation is a process where the mediator communicates with both side to try and facilitate a settlement agreement.

Arbitration is a binding form of alternative dispute resolution. Arbitration is a process where each side presents its case at a hearing to a neutral arbitrator appointed by General Counsel.

To start a Fee Mediation:
• Fill out the petition and sign the agreement to mediate: Return those and accompanying documents to:
  Oregon State Bar
  Fee Dispute Resolution Program
  PO Box 231935
  Tigard, OR 97281-1935
• Send a copy of the fee agreement, billing statements, and other documents that help will help the mediator understand the dispute.

To start a Fee Arbitration:
• Fill out the petition and sign the agreement to arbitrate: Return those and accompanying documents to:
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  Fee Dispute Resolution Program
  PO Box 231935
  Tigard, OR 97281-1935
• Send a copy of the fee agreement, billing statements, and other documents that will help the arbitrator understand the dispute.

Ø If you have a disability for which you need accommodations in the fee dispute resolution process, or if you need to receive the printed materials in a different format, please contact Jerri Shay at 503-431-6334.