



Comment Policy of the North Carolina Dispute Resolution Commission

(Adopted by The Dispute Resolution Commission on May 16, 2014.)

There shall be a thirty-day comment period (the “Comment Period”) for proposed program rules and rule changes, amendments to the Standards of Professional Conduct for Mediators (the “Standards”), and proposed advisory opinions (the “Proposal”). Comments shall be invited by the Dispute Resolution Commission (the “Commission”) upon approval by the Commission of the Proposal. The Commission may send the Proposal to the North Carolina Supreme Court for consideration or shall adopt a proposed advisory opinion only at the end of the Comment Period, a subsequent committee review of the comments received, and a majority vote after review of the committee’s recommendations and comments received.

The Comment Period shall begin with the posting of the Proposal on the Commission website and shall end thirty days thereafter; Commission staff shall post the Proposal as soon as possible after the vote by the Commission. Commission staff shall also e-mail the Proposal to all certified mediators and all judges who will be affected by the rule, rule change, Standard or advisory opinion along with instructions for making written comments. All comments received during the Comment Period shall be forwarded to the committee charged by the Chair of the Commission to review them.