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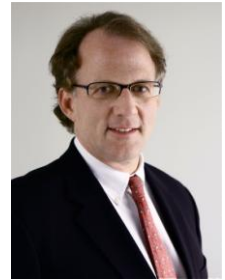
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*Present:*

**Don Lanson, Esq. & Mark Miller, Esq.**  
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## **THE ABC'S OF ADR**

### **Tips to Understanding Alternative Dispute Resolution**

Every dispute will likely have to go through some form of mediation or arbitration, so understanding the alternative dispute process will help maximize a participant's chances for success. While the litigation process is generally proscribed by court procedure, alternative dispute resolution methods are far less defined and can be subject to a number of factors that participants and their professionals need to understand. Mark and Don will highlight and provide examples of some of the most pertinent benefits and burdens of mediation and arbitration, which include:

As to mediation: • Reasons mediation may be required and/or advantageous • Is it really confidential • Strategies as to joint session or separate caucuses and creating a favorable settlement bracket • Problems in drafting the mediation settlement agreements

As to arbitration: • Contractual or judicial foundation • Is it really binding • The availability of discovery and pre-judgment remedies • Is it really a cheaper, quicker and better process

Don E. Lanson is a partner and shareholder of the firm Manfredi, Levine, Eccles, Miller & Lanson. His breadth of experience, combined with his no-nonsense approach to every matter and constant focus on making sure that the client's ultimate goals are achieved, make him uniquely qualified for today's changing economy.

Mark F. Miller is a partner and shareholder of the firm Manfredi, Levine, Eccles, Miller & Lanson. Mr. Miller has considerable experience in real estate, business and insurance litigation, real estate development, construction and management, and insurance coverage matters.

**Friday, November 13, 2009**  
**Noon – 1:30 PM @ The Westlake Village Inn**  
**31943 Agoura Road, Westlake Village, CA 91361**

**Lunch choices:** (1) **Provence Cobb Salad** - Seasonal Greens with Diced Turkey, Smoked Bacon, Avocado, Gorgonzola Cheese, Tomato, Diced Egg and Cucumber (2) **Black Angus French Dip**- Roasted and Shaved Roast Angus Beef Served with Fire-Roasted Onion Au Jus, and Seasoned Frites (3) **Vegetarian Alternative** (chef's choice)

The cost is \$35 for members of the CPA/Law Society or ECBA; \$45 for non-members. Price includes Lunch, Coffee/Tea, Dessert and MCLE/CPE credit. Please make your reservations and lunch selection by e-mailing Maryellen Sebold at [msebold@durkinforensic.com](mailto:msebold@durkinforensic.com), before November 11, 2009. All reservations are considered "firm" on November 10 (at 5 pm); we will bill late cancellations and "no shows." Questions? Call Maryellen Sebold at 805.796.7949 or Bret Anderson at 805.659.6800. **Please send checks payable to CPA-Law Society to Maryellen Sebold at 31365 Oak Crest Drive, Suite 250, Westlake Village, CA 91361 before the event. Thanks.**