

Emmett J. Ward, Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Resources Coordinator

Emmett J. Ward is the ADR Resources Coordinator MACRO. Emmett helps manage many ADR projects, including the ADR Evaluation Support System (ADRESS), which is a web-based data collection and reporting system to help courts evaluate and improve the quality of their ADR programs. Emmett holds a Master's Degree in Conflict Analysis and Dispute Resolution from Salisbury University. During his graduate studies, he worked as an AmeriCorps member at the Bosserman Center for Conflict Resolution. As a staff mediator for Baltimore County, he mediated hundreds of child access, child support, marital property, contempt, and Child in Need of Assistance cases and he conducted research on ADR practitioner behaviors as part of a nationally recognized research project that examined the costs, benefits, and effectiveness of ADR in the Maryland courts. Emmett is also adjunct faculty at the Legal Studies Institute of Anne Arundel Community College.

He develops and presents local and national ADR basic training and training on topics including mediator ethics, advanced mediator skill building and using data to improve ADR programs. Additionally, Emmett provides a 40-hour basic mediation (including for MD judges and court personnel). He is also leading MACRO's research on ODR. Emmett is a lead mediator for the District Court of Maryland day of trial mediation program in Baltimore, mentoring new mediators, observing, co-mediating, and providing feedback to other roster practitioners.