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This report is submitted in compliance with K.S.A. 5-506(b). It requires the director of dispute resolution to report annually on the implementation of the Kansas Dispute Resolution Act. The act establishes an approval process for individuals and programs that practice dispute resolution, which is defined as “a process by which the parties involved in a dispute voluntarily agree or are referred or ordered by a court to enter into discussion and negotiation with the assistance of a neutral person.” The act also establishes the Advisory Council on Dispute Resolution, composed of knowledgeable individuals trained in dispute resolution. This council advises the director of dispute resolution on the administration of the act and related topics.

In this report, you will find information on the number of approved providers, programs, trainers, and the types of disputes handled by approved programs and individuals.

To promote, encourage, and facilitate alternative dispute resolution services which are accessible and affordable.

~Advisory Council
on Dispute Resolution

Three-year Comparison of Dispute Resolution Cases

| Subject areas | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| agriculture | 43 | 42 | 39 |
| case management | 200 | 203 | 180 |
| church | 45 | 40 | 40 |
| civil rights | 38 | 120 | 110 |
| community | 44 | 23 | 48 |
| consumer | 37 | 89 | 78 |
| custody/parenting plan | 3,471 | 3,371 | 3,213 |
| domestic (full case) | 339 | 453 | 363 |
| domestic property | 178 | 164 | 140 |
| employment | 388 | 420 | 239 |
| environmental | 2 | 14 | 8 |
| family | 134 | 89 | 86 |
| group mediation | 21 | 27 | 16 |
| high conflict | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| juvenile dependency | 34 | 16 | 18 |
| limited action | 41 | 87 | 39 |
| malpractice | 19 | 51 | 15 |
| other | 585 | 511 | 474 |
| parent adolescent | 53 | 83 | 76 |
| personal injury | 92 | 103 | 30 |
| probate | 33 | 89 | 36 |
| public policy | 23 | 20 | 4 |
| Small claims | 580 | 680 | 743 |
| special education | 54 | 59 | 39 |
| victim/offender | 220 | 128 | 140 |
| workers compensation | 23 | 40 | 107 |
| Total | 6,697 | 6,922 | 6,281 |

2018 Approval Totals

**Approved
Providers
305**

**Approved
Programs
12**

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