

3. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION - DOMESTIC CONCILIATION SERVICES (GROUP 2) -- 18TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
FUNDING -- 18TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT (AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT - ARPA)  
 (Request sent to 115 vendors)

RFP #23-0026 Contracts

	<b>Christine Campbell dba Franklin Law Office</b>	Dennis McHugh dba DM Mediation LLC		
Alternative Dispute Resolution - Domestic Conciliation Services (Group 2)	<b>\$250.00/hour</b>	Incomplete		
	<b>James G. Beasley</b>	<b>Jennifer Lautz</b>		
Alternative Dispute Resolution - Domestic Conciliation Services (Group 2)	<b>\$250.00/hour</b>	<b>\$175.00/hour</b>		
	Collaborative Success, Inc.			
Alternative Dispute Resolution - Domestic Conciliation Services (Group 2)	Incomplete			
No Submission	Aaron Breitenbach	Adrienn Clark	Alex Flores	Ashley Davis
	Candice Farha	Carolyn Edwards	Diane Sherwood	Eric Commer
	Eric Yost	Grant Brazill	Jeanne Erikson	Jeffrey Lowe
	Jerry Bogle	Jon Von Achen	Kristina Retzlaff	Larry Linn
	Lynnette Herrman	Patricia Gilman	Patrick Mitchell	Sara Zafar
	Sarah Foster			

On the recommendation of Joe Thomas, on behalf of the 18th Judicial District Court, Tim Myers moved to **accept the proposals from Christine Campbell dba Franklin Law Office; James G. Beasley; and Jennifer Lautz for a contract period extending until all assigned ARPA funding has been utilized.** Anna Meyerhoff-Cole seconded the motion. The motion passed four out of five with Jennifer Blasi abstaining.

A committee comprised of 18th Judicial District Court personnel included: Charly Pegg - Court Program Analyst, Lorrie Seltzer - Dispute Resolutions Coordinator, Judge Kellie Hogan, Judge Linda Kirby, and Judge Jeffrey Dewey; and Joe Thomas - Purchasing reviewed and scored all proposal responses and unanimously agreed to award all complete respondents.

In the years prior to the pandemic, the Family Law Department saw an explosion of divorce cases. A full-time judge was moved from the Civil Department to the Family Law Department leaving five (5) judges to cover all Civil cases and making five (5) judges assigned to Family Law.

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) is a tool necessary to assist in disposing of Family Law cases. When parties are unable to agree on issues such as division of assets, custody, visitation, etc. the judge can order them to ADR for a neutral third party to assist in conciliation and if not successful, make the recommendation to the court. Conciliation is expensive and many parties cannot afford to participate in this process.

The Supreme Court of Kansas put into effect January 1, 2020 rules governing Rules Relating to Dispute Resolution. Domestic Conciliation means a non-confidential process in which a neutral person assists the parties in reconciliation efforts by improving communication, reconciling differences, and helping the parties develop solutions to a dispute, complaint, or conflict. Maximum allocated cost per case is \$4,000.00.

Funding for these services are provided by ARPA.

Notes:

This is a proposal and not a bid. Proposals are scored based on criteria set forth in our RFP. There were four (4) components to evaluate:

Components	Points
A. Accuracy and Completion of Proposal Submission	20
B. Experience (Low 20, Average 25, High 30)	30
C. References and Professionalism	35
D. Cost*	15
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>100</b>

**Questions and Answers**

Russell Leeds: I know this is an important tool for Family Court to keep these cases moving along and resolve them as efficiently and cooperatively as possible and they have ARPA funding to facilitate that.

Joe Thomas: Yes sir.