

## Dispute Resolution

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### Definition:

A resolution of a dispute, including litigation support and arbitration/mediation proceedings. Our team of professionals is comprised of certified public accountants, business consultants, accredited business valuers, and certified fraud examiners.

### Benefits:

Our expertise and capabilities provides a full-range of services necessary; a complete litigation support and arbitration or mediation services with the experience to consult with litigants and their council. Our expert testimony in court or in arbitration or mediation proceedings helps assess the quality of the case. We assist in developing appropriate questions to ask opposing expert or parties regarding a case, to critique an opposing experts work, and to assist in potential settlement negotiations. We also will mediate between opposing stakeholders.

### Situations:

- Divorce settlements
- Merger / acquisition dispute
- Dissenting or oppressed shareholder actions
- Lost profits and economic damage claims
- Commercial damages
- Investigative accounting
- Disruption of a business
- Acquisition of financing or capital
- Buy / sell agreements
- Partner / owner disputes

### Process:

- We first meet with you to gain a broad understanding of the facts and circumstances surrounding the engagement.
- We then review our independence with all pertinent parties to ensure no conflicts-of-interest exist.
- We meet with you to perform a preliminary investigation to deepen our understanding of the issues.
- We then develop a detailed action plan that relates the specific procedures that will be performed in order to achieve stated goals and objectives.

- We then conduct our investigation in order to gather relevant evidence and perform various analyses.
- Finally, we prepare a comprehensive report summarizing the nature of the engagement, detailed analysis of our investigation, and a summary of our findings.
- We also provide expert testimony as needed.

### Case Example:

A Northern Ohio Police department entered into negotiations with their city for a contract wage increase. Our team was engaged to aid the police union to justify the city's ability to pay the increase. We reviewed the city's expert report and noted multiple disclosures where it demonstrated financial resources available to support the proposed increase. In addition, we reviewed the city's financial information to determine funds available to support the proposed pay increase.