

Patent Mediation Guide

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Collaborating with federal judges, UC Berkeley, and others, Winston & Strawn led the effort to create the Federal Judicial Center’s “Patent Mediation Guide.” This stage-by-stage and issue-by-issue guide to mediation of patent disputes supplements the Patent Case Management Judicial Guide (PCMJG), a comprehensive treatise developed for the federal judiciary. The PCMJG addresses the mechanics, timing, and considerations for effective mediation when judges are managing patent cases. This supplement provides analogous guidance to patent mediators (magistrate judges and private mediators), in-house counsel, and litigation counsel. The authors have worked extensively with experienced federal judges, mediators, counsel, and parties to identify ways to promote cost-effective, time-effective, and constructive dispute resolution.

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