

# Early Dispute Resolution: The Future of ADR

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Resolving Disputes  
Within 30 Days

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## *Lawyers, Forecasting & the Need for EDR*

After initial  
review:

50%

After key  
documents:

60%

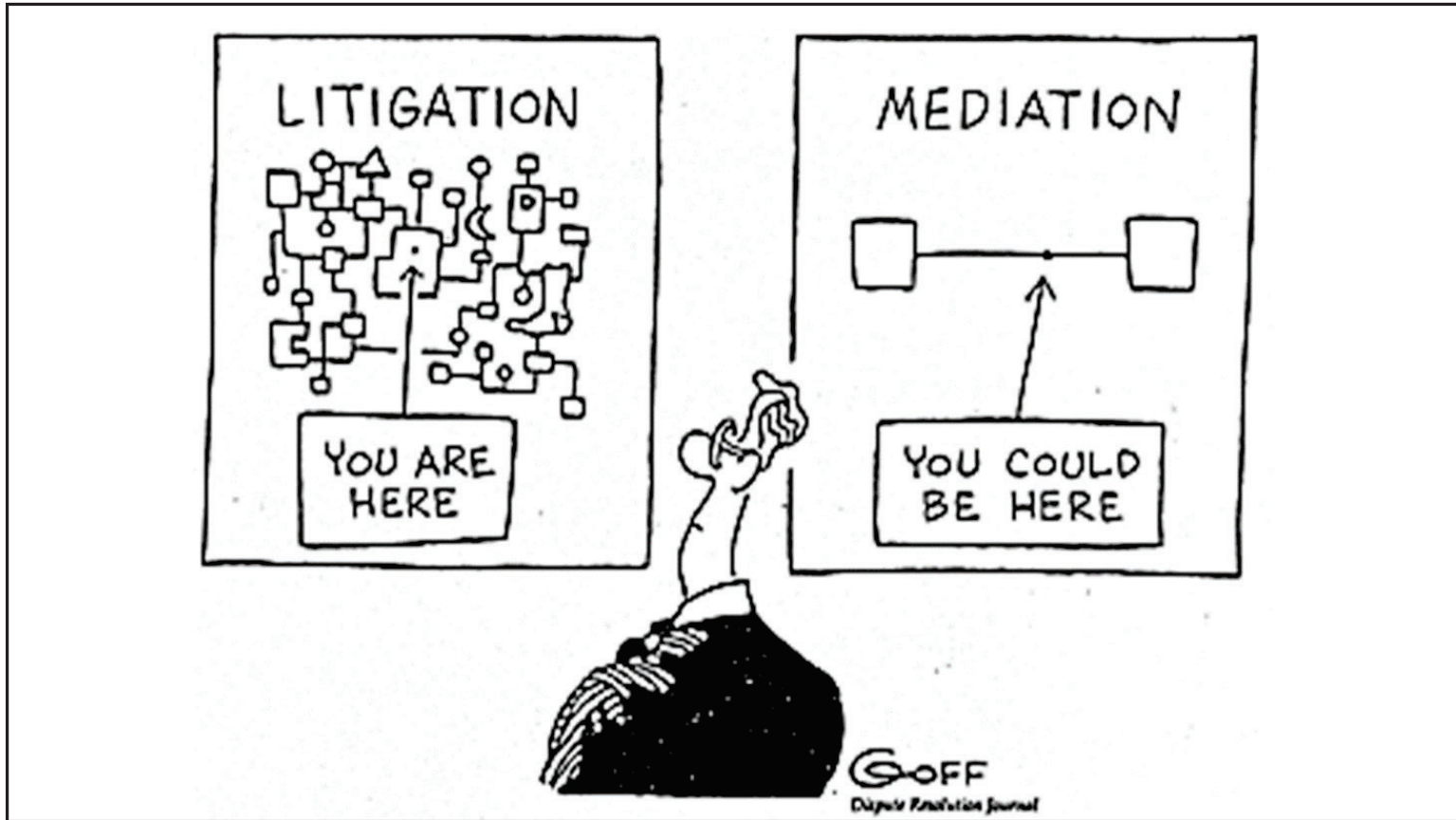
After talking  
to opponent:

65%

After full  
discovery/  
motions:

70%

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# The Protocols for Early Dispute Resolution

- The Concepts
- Guidelines for 4-step Process
- Flexible
- Ethics
- Developed by Peter Silverman; maintained by the EDR Institute ([www.EDRIInstitute.org](http://www.EDRIInstitute.org))

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## *WHAT IS EDR?*

- An **expedited, cost-effective, voluntary dispute resolution process** (before significant discovery or motion practice)
- Can be completed in **30 days**
- Recognizes that **most cases settle** - a prolonged, adversarial process doesn't need to precede settlement

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