

RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP WITH A REAL WORLD FOCUS: METHODOLOGIES AND TERMINOLOGY

Agenda

- Introduction
- Why conduct empirical research in dispute resolution?
 - Goals of empirical research
 - Input to the ABA Dispute Resolution Section's Dispute Resolution Research Advisory Committee
- How do you conduct empirical research in dispute resolution?
 - Overview of methodology (Russell)
 - Using the Mediation Research Task Force's report to illustrate (Roselle)
 - The practitioner's perspective on the report and mediation research needs (Howard)
 - The nuts-and-bolts of developing and conducting an empirical research project (Donna)
- Q&A
- Adjourn

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