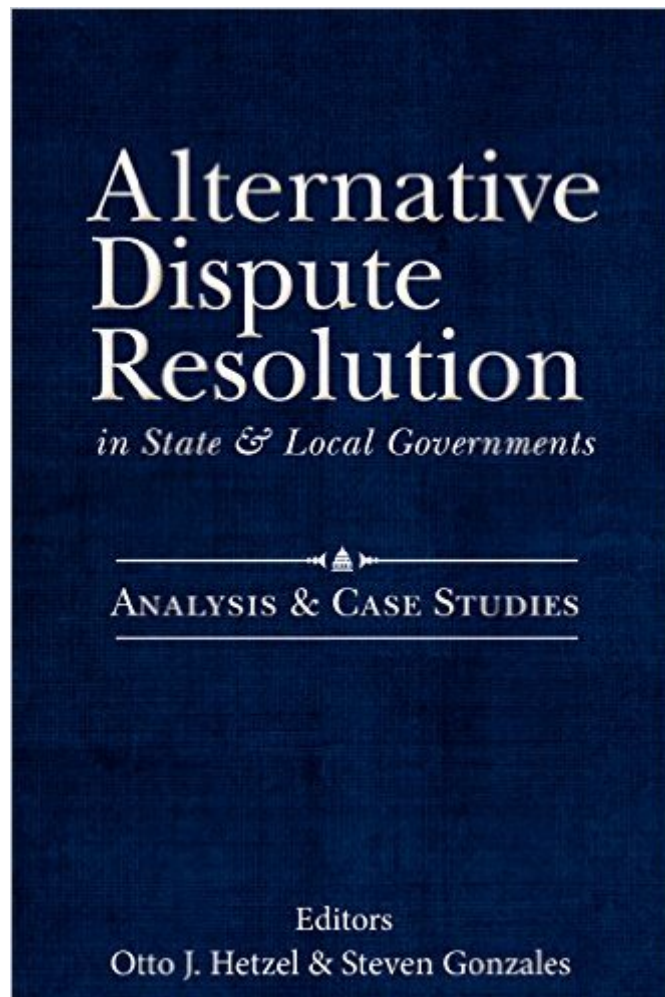


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In recent years, alternative dispute resolution (ADR) has overtaken trial litigation as a cheaper and less complicated method of resolving disputes. This is especially true in government disputes, where the financial burden of litigation falls to the taxpayer. Many overburdened state and local governments have been turning to ADR to alleviate both the strain on the taxpayers and the overburdened court system. For any lawyer in this field, understanding ADR isn't enough. One must understand the specific needs of state and local governments in order to succeed. This valuable guide, edited by Otto J. Hetzel and Professor Steven Gonzales, collects the thoughts and experiences of eight different ADR experts to analyze the history, usage, and future of state and local government ADR. This important information will position you for this groundbreaking change in government litigation, and help you serve your clients to the best of your abilities. Topics include: An overview of ADR An analysis of ADR options in various jurisdictions The role of legal counsel in mediation Effective mediation techniques Evidentiary issues in mediation Preparation of clients for ADR The use of ADR techniques in government decision-making

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