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How ADR and court actions can actually work together

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"Modern civil litigation lawyers must use a wide array of tools to navigate the spiraling costs and delays of litigation. To this end, lawyers often turn to ADR processes such as arbitration to achieve quick and cost-effective resolutions, rather than accessing the courts.

But thinking of ADR as an alternative to the court process only tells part of the story. Counsel are increasingly accessing private decision-makers to decide on interim steps in a proceeding, while having their cases ultimately heard in court..."

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