



Involved in a Copyright Dispute? WIPO offers mediation!

Many of our members have questions about how to handle issues of Copyright infringement.

Do you know that authors, creators, producers, and collective management organizations (CMOs) from around the world, increasingly use the WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center's mediation services to resolve copyright and content disputes, including in the digital environment.

Based in Geneva, Switzerland, with a further office in Singapore, the WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center was established in 1994 to offer Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) options for the resolution of international commercial disputes between private parties.

In December 2018, the Intellectual Property Office of Trinidad and Tobago (TTIPO) and the WIPO entered into a collaboration through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to make available ADR options, in particular mediation, for intellectual property (IP) and technology disputes in Trinidad and Tobago and the region, through the WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center (WIPO Center).



Mediation is an informal consensual process in which the mediator assists the parties in reaching a settlement of their dispute, based on the parties' respective interests. WIPO Mediation can be used to facilitate contract negotiation and dispute management.

Below you can find examples of how WIPO Mediation can be used in copyright- and content-related matters:

- If you discover an infringement of your rights, before starting legal proceedings, you can invite the other party to use WIPO Mediation to try to resolve the dispute amicably;
- If you discover that you may have infringed other parties' rights, and you are interested in regularizing this situation, you can invite the other party to use WIPO Mediation to try to resolve the dispute amicably (e.g., to obtain a license);
- If you are involved in a dispute with another party, even if the dispute has already been referred to the courts, you can invite the other party to use WIPO Mediation to resolve the dispute in a confidential and time- and cost-efficient manner; or
- Any other commercial dispute related to your copyright.



This service can be accessed through the Intellectual Property Office – Office of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs, Trinidad and Tobago; via the link <http://ipo.gov.tt/ipo-news/alternative-dispute-resolution/>

If the other party agrees to participate in a WIPO Mediation, administration and mediator's fees may apply, in line with the WIPO Mediation Schedule of Fees.

We suggest that you consult the IPO office for more information on using the service if you have questions before beginning the process.



If the other does not agree to participate in a WIPO Mediation, WIPO cannot force such party to participate, and the case may be terminated.

If you want to officially request mediation click the button below to complete the relevant request form as found on the IPO site.

You can also reach them at (868) 226-4IPO (4476) if you have any further questions. Please reach out to the IPO directly as they deal directly with these matters.

