

2. Mediator's communications with the parties

- a.** Before accepting an appointment, a Mediator may only enquire as to the general nature of the dispute, the names and particulars of the parties, and the expected time period required for the proceeding.
- b.** No Mediator shall confer with any of the parties or their counsel until after receipt of the notice of appointment as Mediator.
- c.** All correspondence and communication between the Mediator and parties shall remain private and confidential and shall not be copied to anyone other than the parties to the dispute and BIAC, unless the parties agree otherwise.