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Welcome to the Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission's 12th Annual Advanced Mediation Techniques Workshop. The goal of this workshop is provide you with the tools and information needed to perform effectively in the critical role you play as a mediator.

The Commission on Alternative Dispute Resolution currently has 1,276 active Rule 31 mediators—a number which has steadily increased since the establishment of the Commission by the Tennessee Supreme Court on January 24, 1992.

The Supreme Court is extremely appreciative of the work done by the Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission, including its efforts in organizing programs such as this workshop. We are also grateful to the commitment and dedication of our Rule 31 mediators in working toward the effective and efficient resolution of disputes.

I hope you enjoy today's workshop, and I encourage you to keep up your exceptional work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary R. Wade".

Gary R. Wade