The Swiss Dispute Resolution Landscape

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- Member association initiatives
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Mediation in legislation

- No mediation legislation in Switzerland
- Mediation provisions in individual laws
  - Code of Civil Procedure, 2011
  - Civil Code, 2013
  - Juvenile Criminal Procedure Code, 2009
  - Federal Act on the Administrative Proceedings, 2007
  - Federal Act on International Child Abduction
- Regulation of interfaces

Basic principle:
Negotiation and conciliation before legal proceedings!

Mediation and arbitration or: the systematic furtherance of effective traditions
Justices of the peace, judges and state arbitration bodies are not the only ones able to help relieve the burden on the courts. Rather, in Switzerland, mediation is growing in importance as the most consistent option for out-of-court dispute resolution, especially for family and business mediation. This trend should be noted and encouraged. Mediation will increasingly be able to contribute to relieving the courts, especially in complex cases. The draft is more open to mediation ..., without wishing to regulate this institute in detail or definitively. The basic idea is to provide the parties with mediation as an equivalent alternative to state arbitration.
Key indicators* of mediation

Success rate: 70.4% of mediations end with an amicable agreement
Duration: 67.4% are concluded within 3 months
No. of sessions: 79.5% extend over 1-5 sessions

* Source: SDM-FSM surveys 2008 and 2014

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Conscious of Switzerland's long tradition of conciliation and good offices, the Swiss Federation of Mediation Associations with its member associations seeks to create an environment that fosters the credibility and quality of mediation – one in which mediation achieves broad and enduring acceptance in society, business and politics.
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Building a house?  Architect!

Broken down?  Car mechanic!

Conflict?  Mediator!

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