Q1 Name and email (optional):

Answered: 34 Skipped: 12

Q2 Country (primary jurisdiction of practice):

Answered: 32 Skipped: 14

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Q3 City/Region (optional):

Answered: 24 Skipped: 22

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Q4 Years in legal practice:

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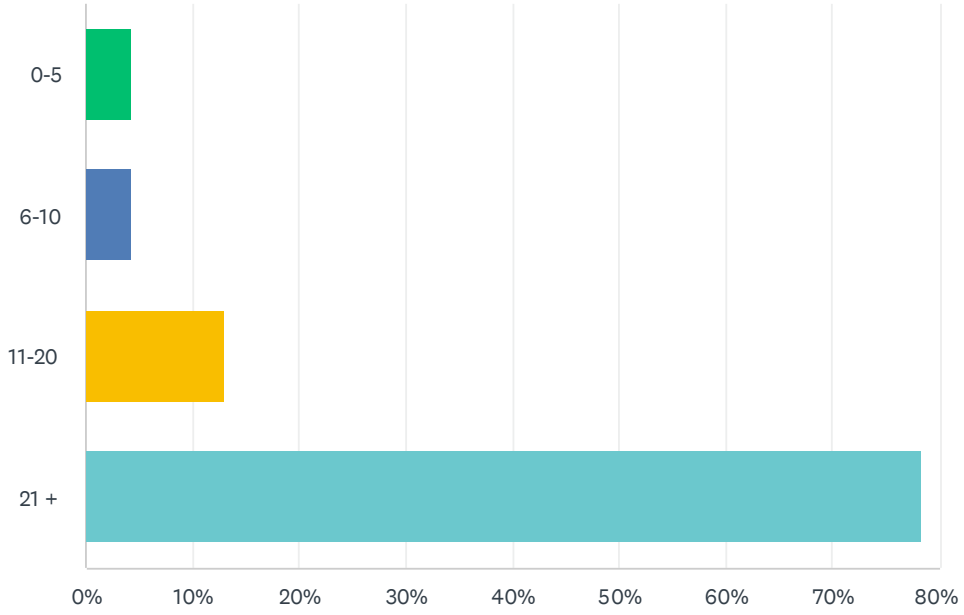
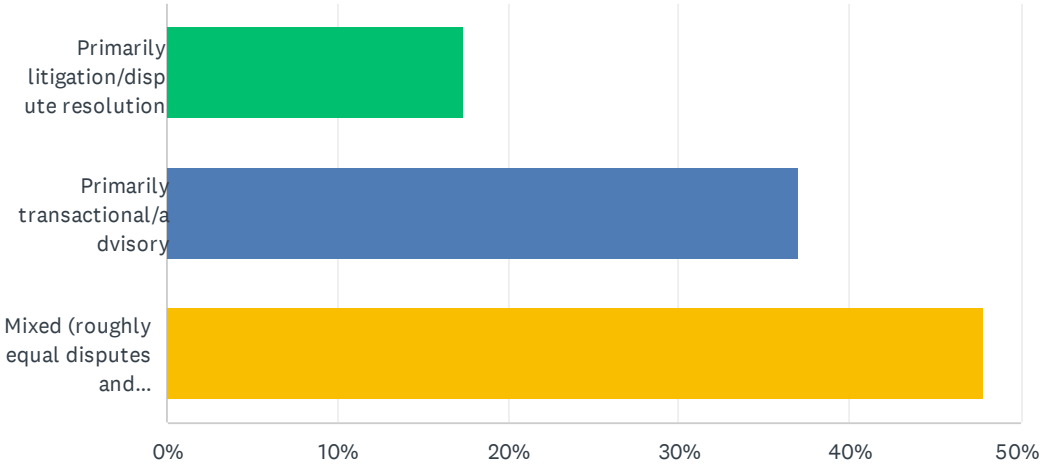


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0-5	4.35%	2
6-10	4.35%	2
11-20	13.04%	6
21 +	78.26%	36
Total Respondents: 46		

Q5 Primary type of practice:

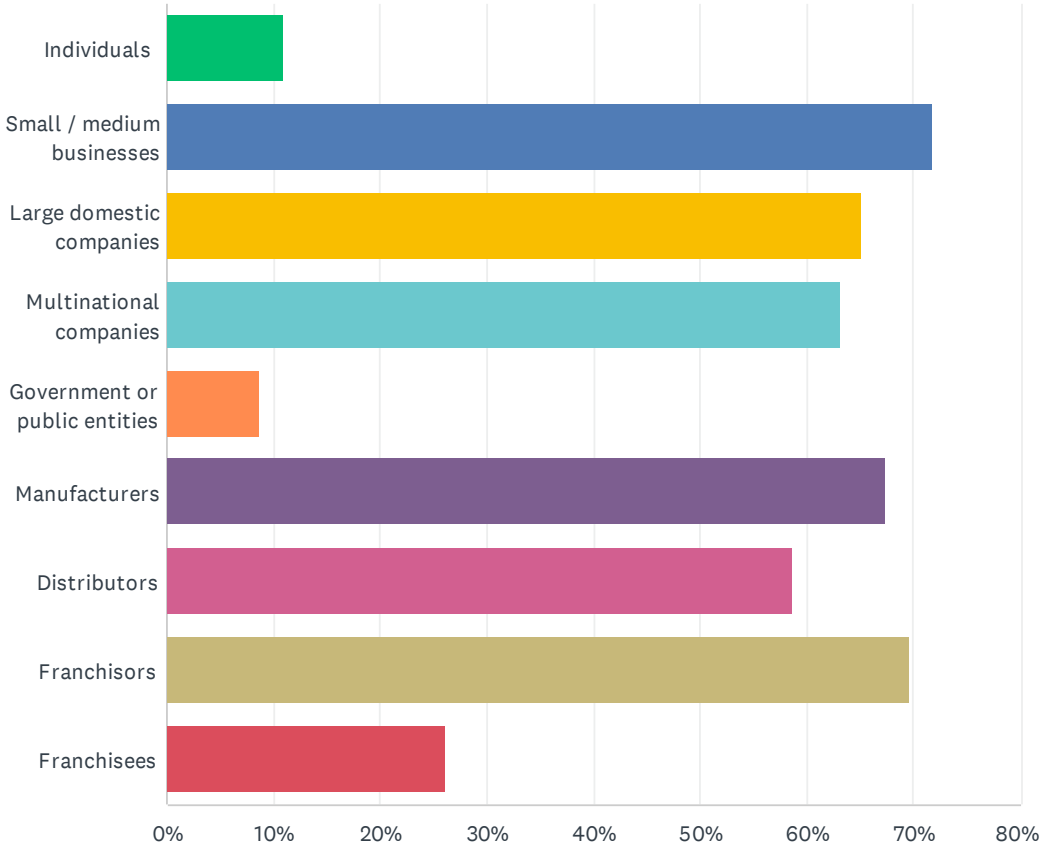
Answered: 46 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Primarily litigation/dispute resolution	17.39%	8
Primarily transactional/advisory	36.96%	17
Mixed (roughly equal disputes and transactions)	47.83%	22
Total Respondents: 46		

Q6 Typical clients (you may select more than one):

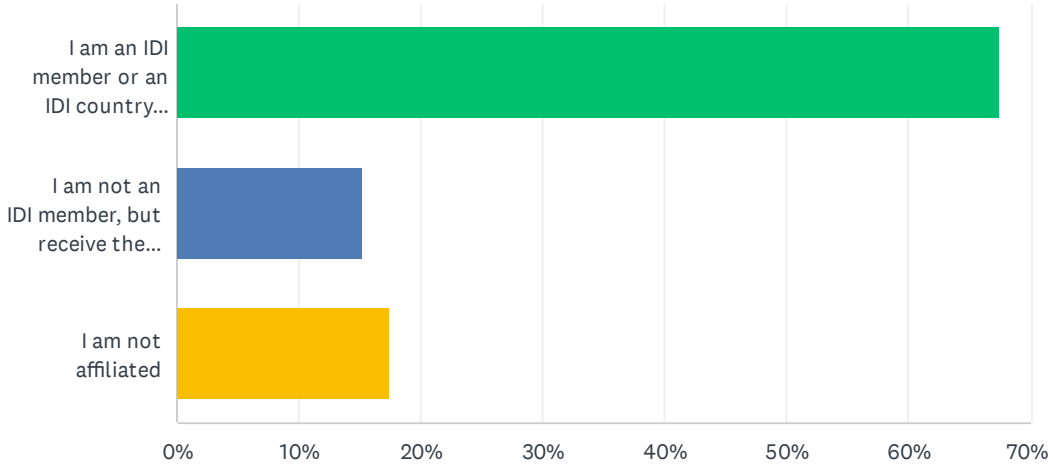
Answered: 46 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Individuals	10.87%	5
Small / medium businesses	71.74%	33
Large domestic companies	65.22%	30
Multinational companies	63.04%	29
Government or public entities	8.70%	4
Manufacturers	67.39%	31
Distributors	58.70%	27
Franchisors	69.57%	32
Franchisees	26.09%	12
Total Respondents: 46		

Q7 Select the box regarding whether you are affiliated with the IDI:

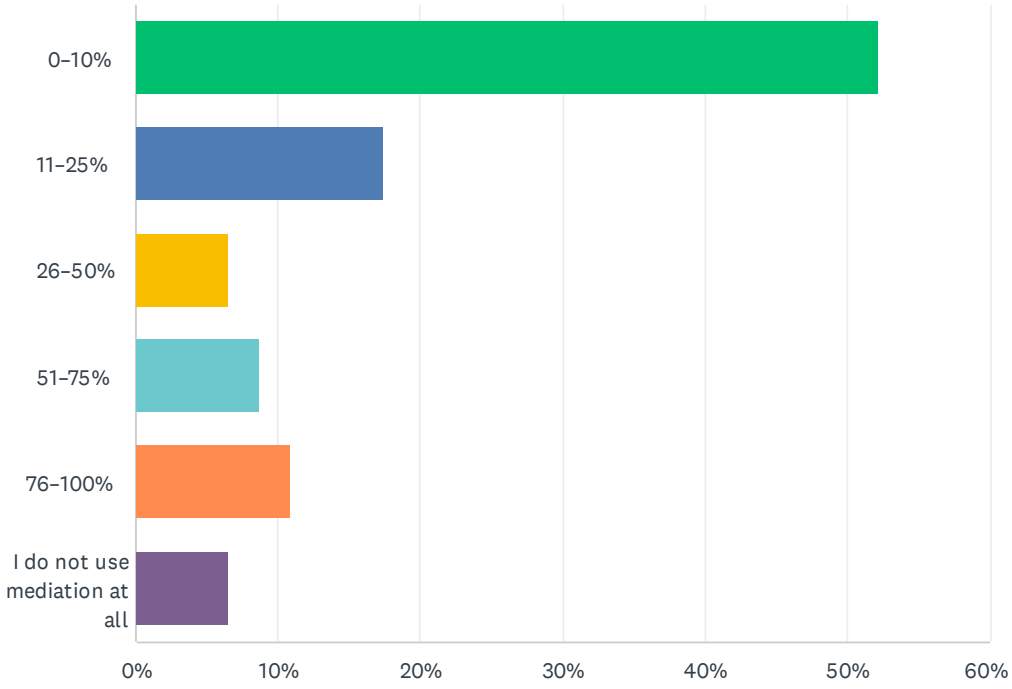
Answered: 46 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I am an IDI member or an IDI country expert	67.39%	31
I am not an IDI member, but receive the newsletter	15.22%	7
I am not affiliated	17.39%	8
Total Respondents: 46		

Q8 In approximately what percentage of your disputed matters do you use mediation?

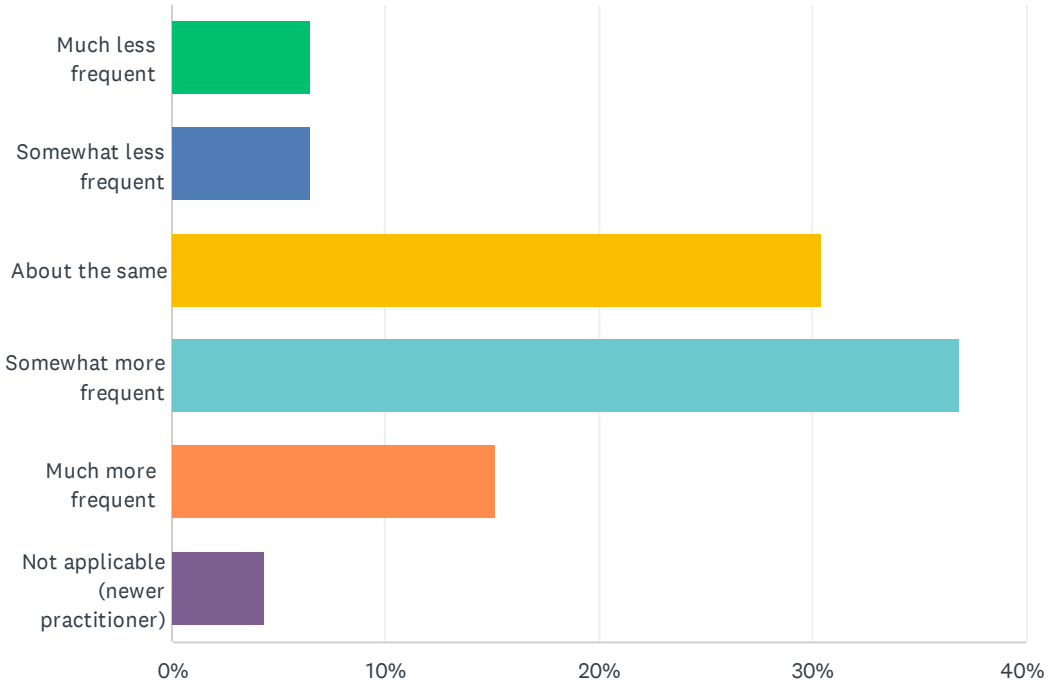
Answered: 46 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0–10%	52.17%	24
11–25%	17.39%	8
26–50%	6.52%	3
51–75%	8.70%	4
76–100%	10.87%	5
I do not use mediation at all	6.52%	3
Total Respondents: 46		

Q9 Compared to 10 years ago (or since you began practice), your use of mediation is:

Answered: 46 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Much less frequent	6.52%	3
Somewhat less frequent	6.52%	3
About the same	30.43%	14
Somewhat more frequent	36.96%	17
Much more frequent	15.22%	7
Not applicable (newer practitioner)	4.35%	2
Total Respondents: 46		

Q10 How often do your cases resolve through mediation when it is used?

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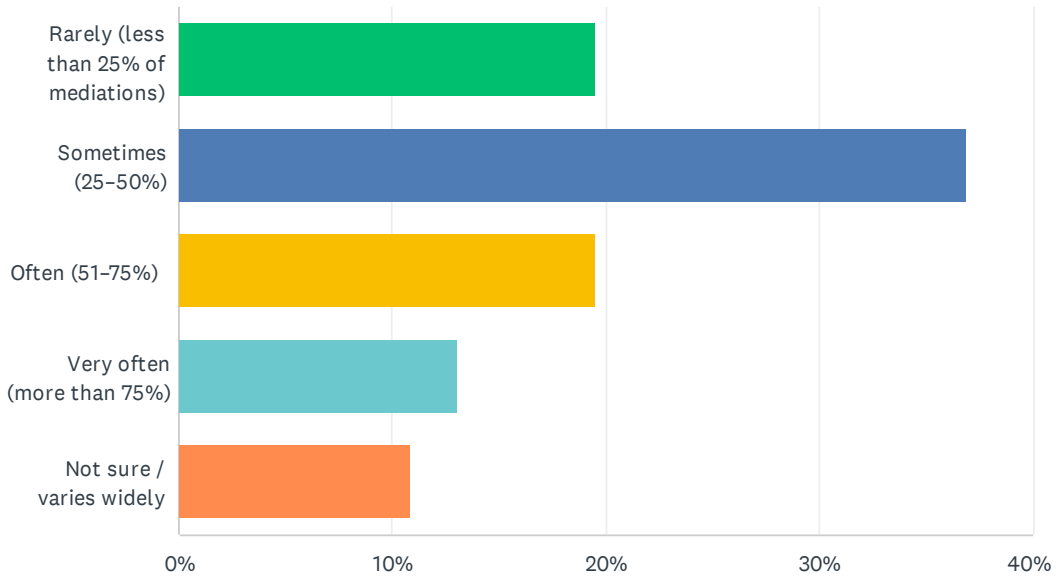
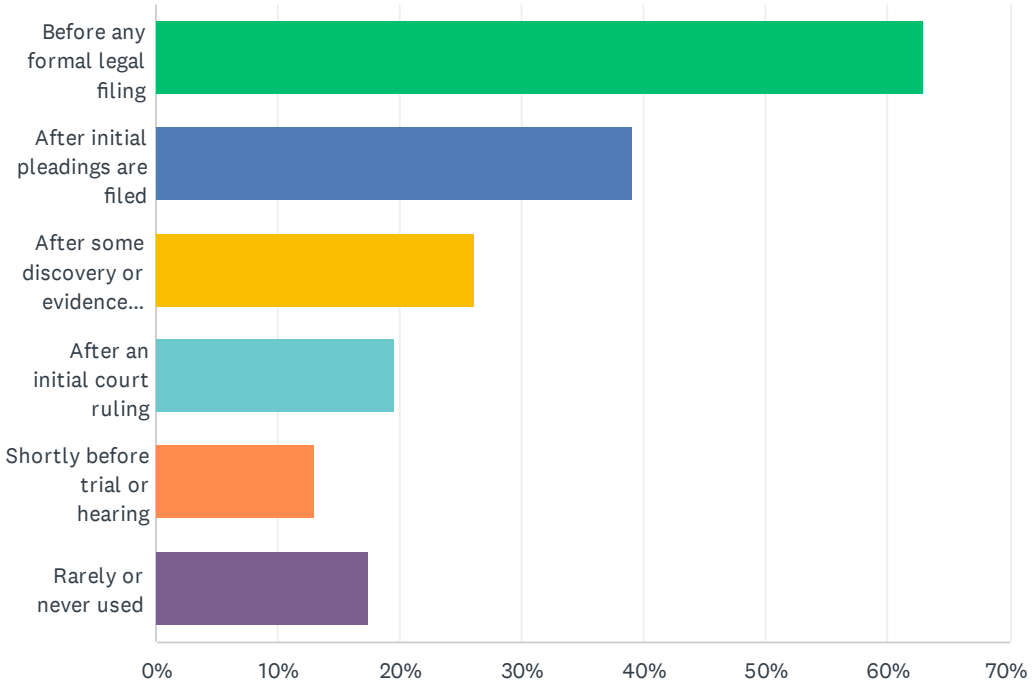


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Rarely (less than 25% of mediations)	19.57%	9
Sometimes (25–50%)	36.96%	17
Often (51–75%)	19.57%	9
Very often (more than 75%)	13.04%	6
Not sure / varies widely	10.87%	5
Total Respondents: 46		

Q11 When is mediation most commonly used in your matters? (Select all that apply)

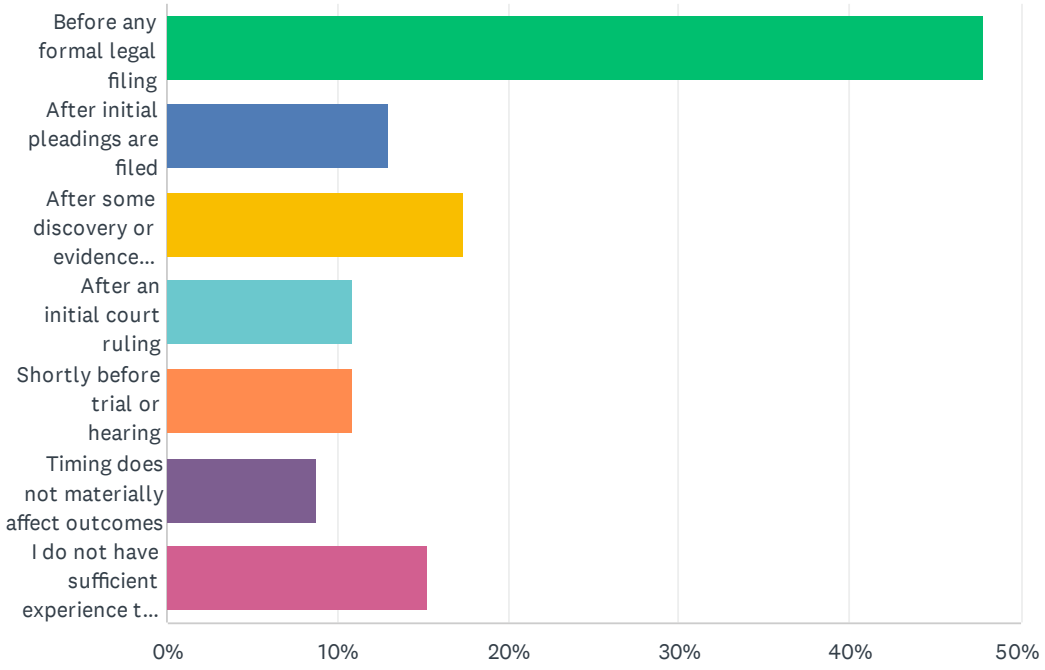
Answered: 46 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Before any formal legal filing	63.04%	29
After initial pleadings are filed	39.13%	18
After some discovery or evidence exchange	26.09%	12
After an initial court ruling	19.57%	9
Shortly before trial or hearing	13.04%	6
Rarely or never used	17.39%	8
Total Respondents: 46		

Q12 In your experience, mediation is most effective when used:

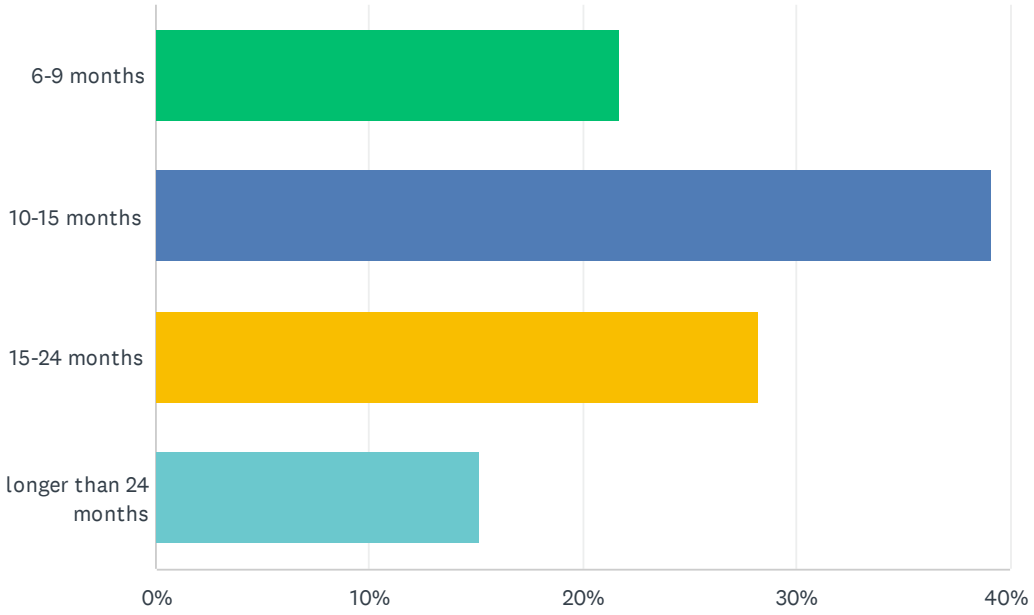
Answered: 46 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Before any formal legal filing	47.83%	22
After initial pleadings are filed	13.04%	6
After some discovery or evidence exchange	17.39%	8
After an initial court ruling	10.87%	5
Shortly before trial or hearing	10.87%	5
Timing does not materially affect outcomes	8.70%	4
I do not have sufficient experience to judge	15.22%	7
Total Respondents: 46		

Q13 In your jurisdiction, how long is the average time between filing the pleading starting the case and the trial?

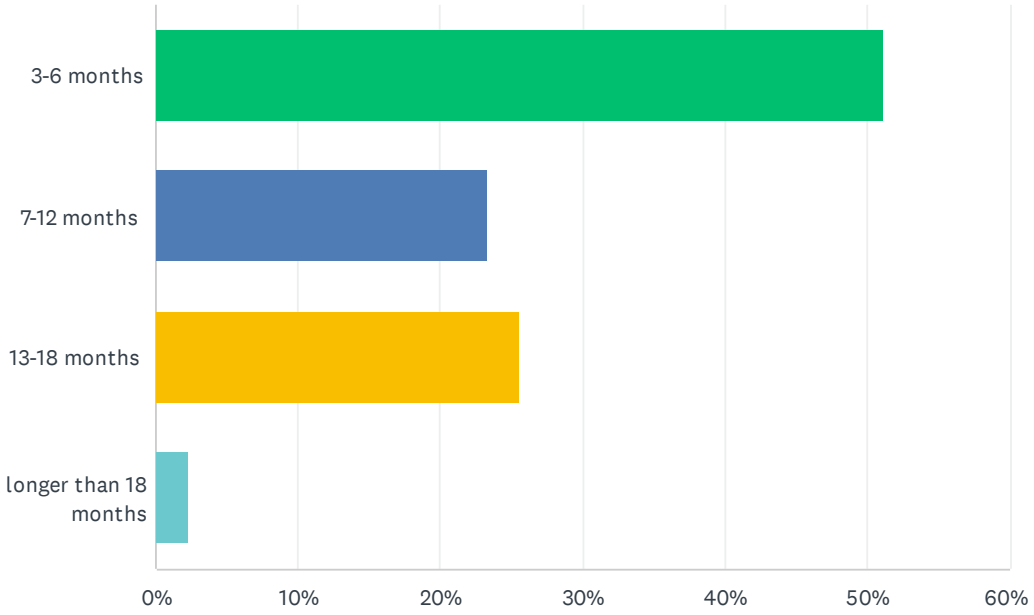
Answered: 46 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
6-9 months	21.74%	10
10-15 months	39.13%	18
15-24 months	28.26%	13
longer than 24 months	15.22%	7
Total Respondents: 46		

Q14 In your jurisdiction, how long is the average time between filing the pleading starting an arbitration and the arbitration hearing?

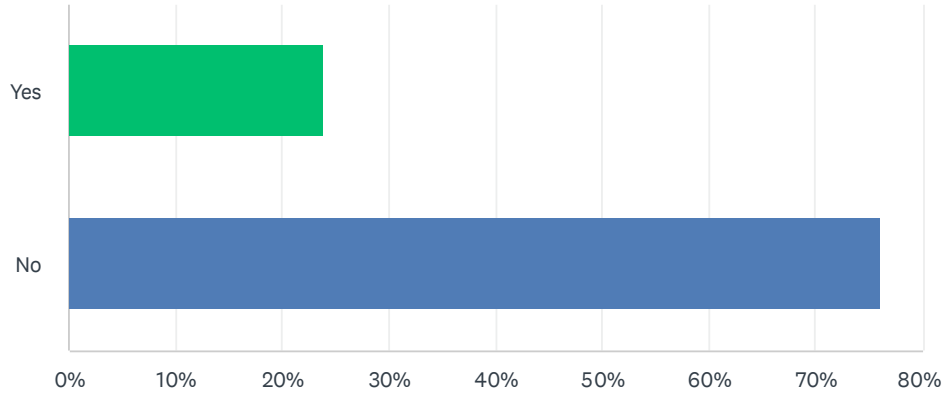
Answered: 43 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
3-6 months	51.16%	22
7-12 months	23.26%	10
13-18 months	25.58%	11
longer than 18 months	2.33%	1
Total Respondents: 43		

Q15 In your jurisdiction, are parties to a commercial contract required to mediate before filing suit?

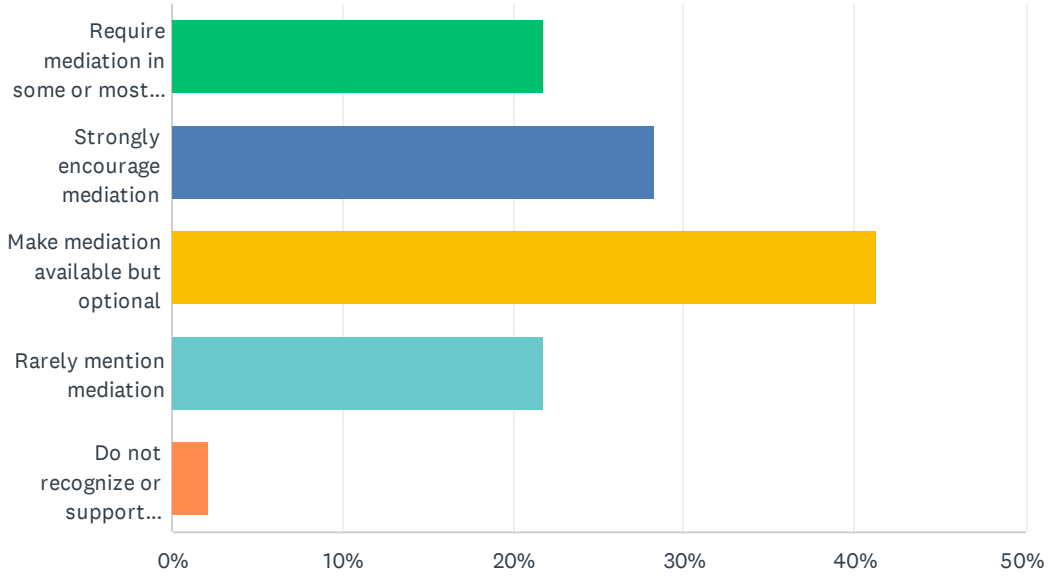
Answered: 46 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	23.91%	11
No	76.09%	35
Total Respondents: 46		

Q16 In your jurisdiction, courts:

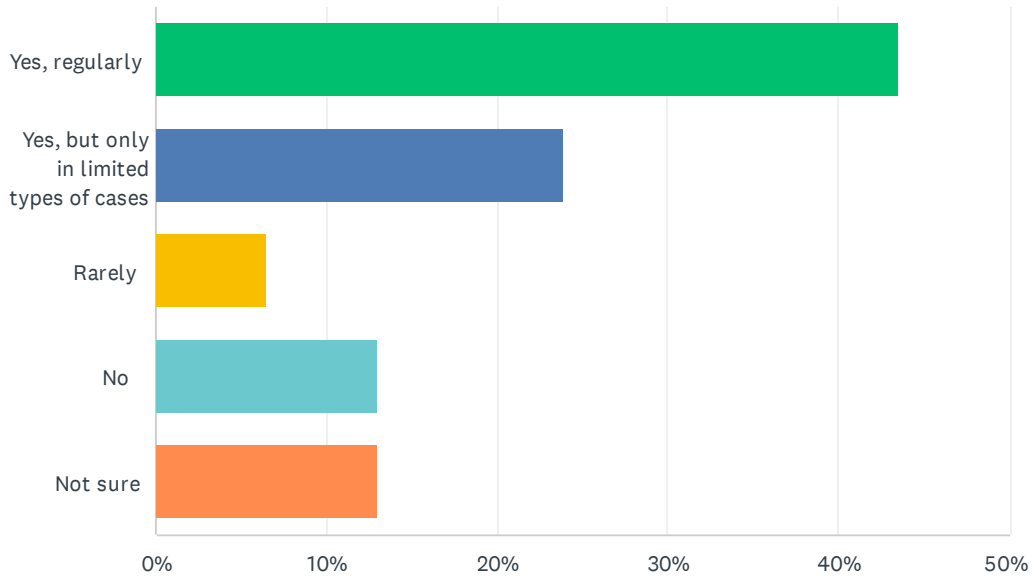
Answered: 46 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Require mediation in some or most civil cases	21.74%	10
Strongly encourage mediation	28.26%	13
Make mediation available but optional	41.30%	19
Rarely mention mediation	21.74%	10
Do not recognize or support mediation	2.17%	1
Total Respondents: 46		

Q17 Are court-connected mediators available?

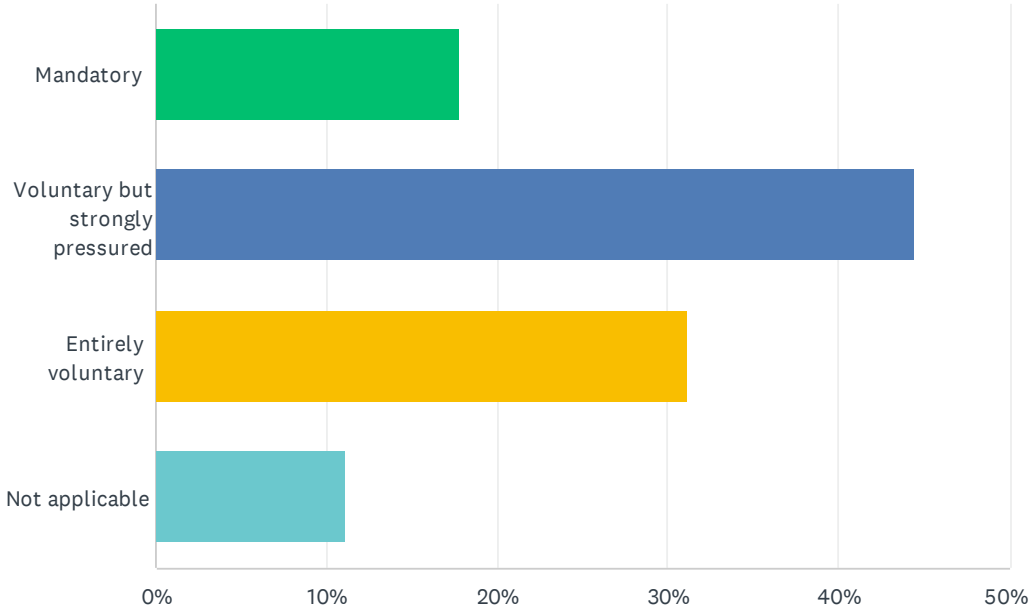
Answered: 46 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, regularly	43.48%	20
Yes, but only in limited types of cases	23.91%	11
Rarely	6.52%	3
No	13.04%	6
Not sure	13.04%	6
Total Respondents: 46		

Q18 If mediation is court-connected, participation is typically:

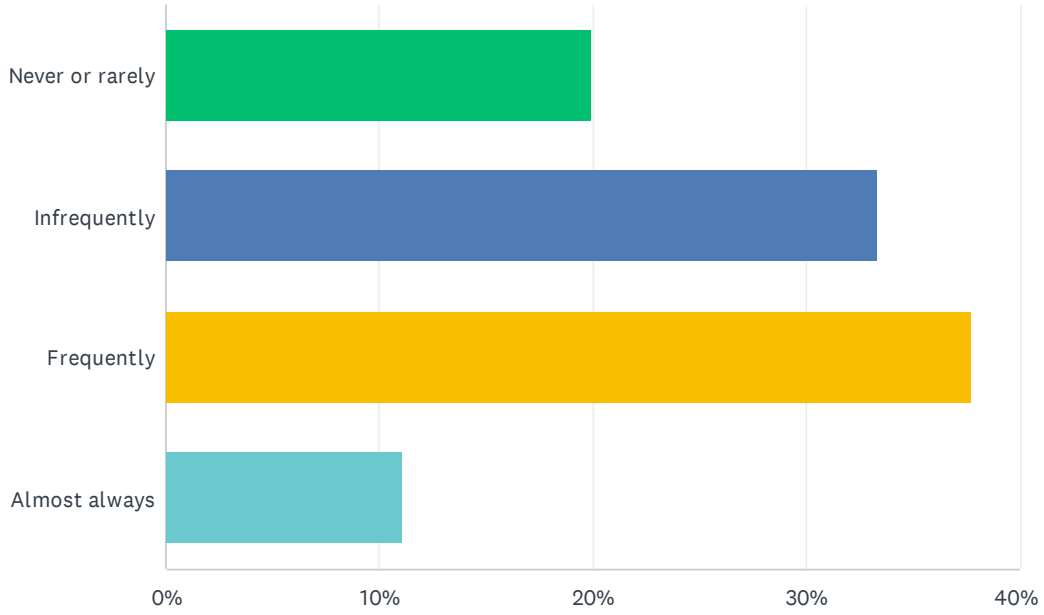
Answered: 45 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Mandatory	17.78%	8
Voluntary but strongly pressured	44.44%	20
Entirely voluntary	31.11%	14
Not applicable	11.11%	5
Total Respondents: 45		

Q19 In your franchise or distribution agreements, how common is it to have dispute resolution clauses that require mediation before filing for arbitration or in court?

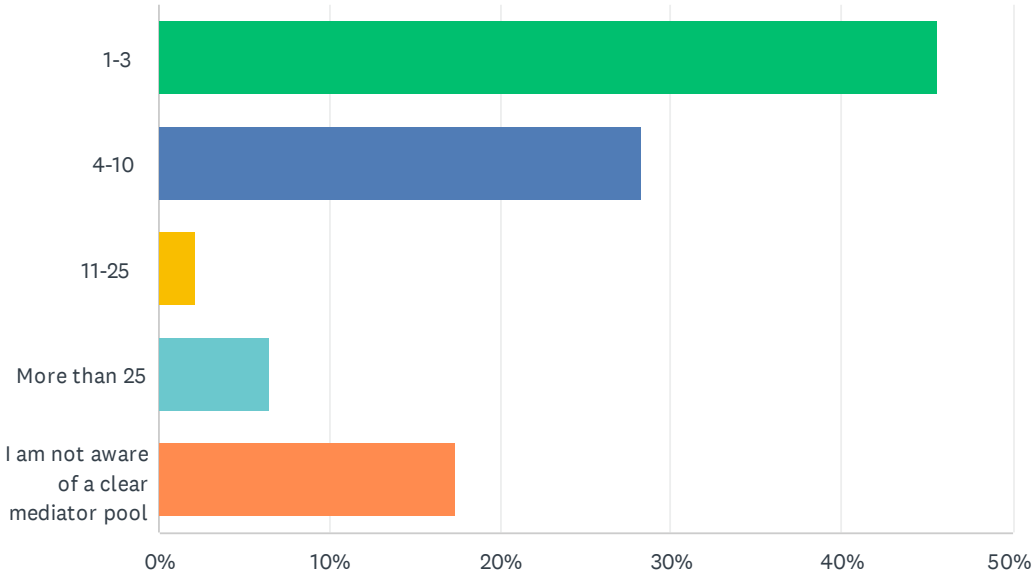
Answered: 45 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Never or rarely	20.00%	9
Infrequently	33.33%	15
Frequently	37.78%	17
Almost always	11.11%	5
Total Respondents: 45		

Q20 How large is the pool of mediators you would realistically choose from in a typical case?

Answered: 46 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1-3	45.65%	21
4-10	28.26%	13
11-25	2.17%	1
More than 25	6.52%	3
I am not aware of a clear mediator pool	17.39%	8
Total Respondents: 46		

Q21 Mediators in your jurisdiction are typically (you may pick more than one):

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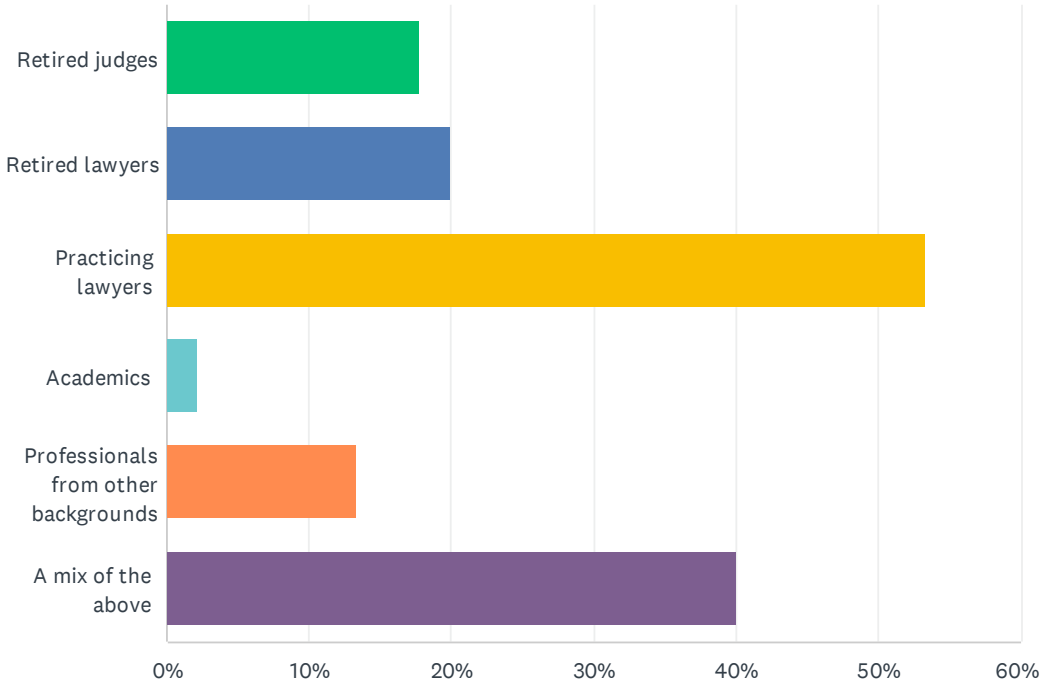
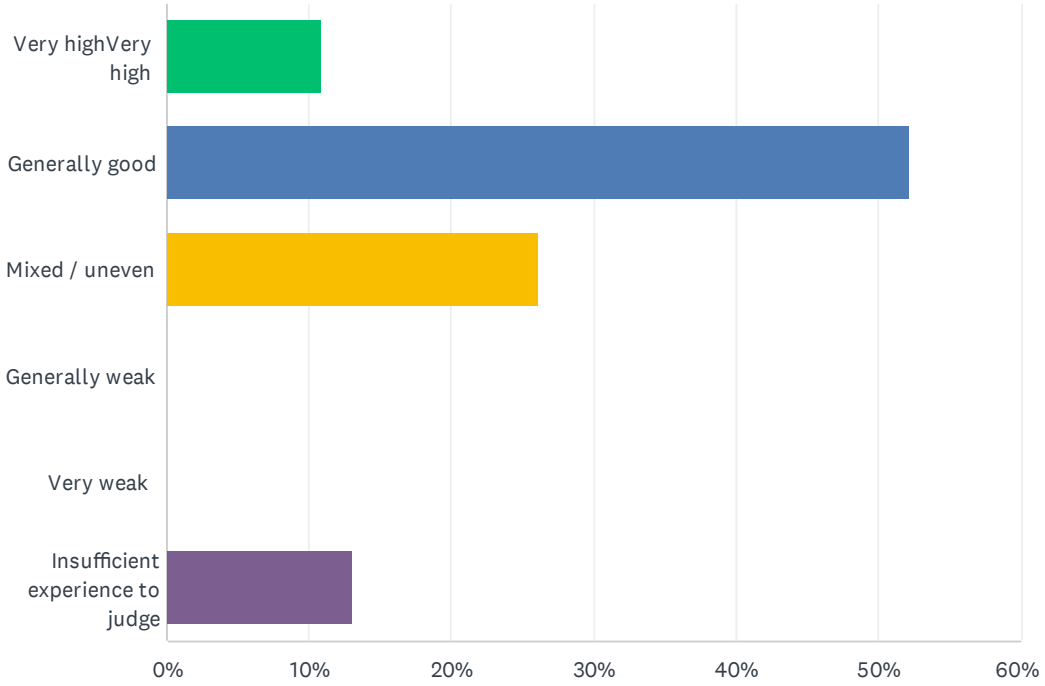


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Retired judges	17.78%	8
Retired lawyers	20.00%	9
Practicing lawyers	53.33%	24
Academics	2.22%	1
Professionals from other backgrounds	13.33%	6
A mix of the above	40.00%	18
Total Respondents: 45		

Q22 How would you rate the overall quality of mediators available to you?

Answered: 46 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very highVery high	10.87%	5
Generally good	52.17%	24
Mixed / uneven	26.09%	12
Generally weak	0.00%	0
Very weak	0.00%	0
Insufficient experience to judge	13.04%	6
Total Respondents: 46		

Q23 Is there a recognized accreditation or credentialing system for mediators in your jurisdiction?

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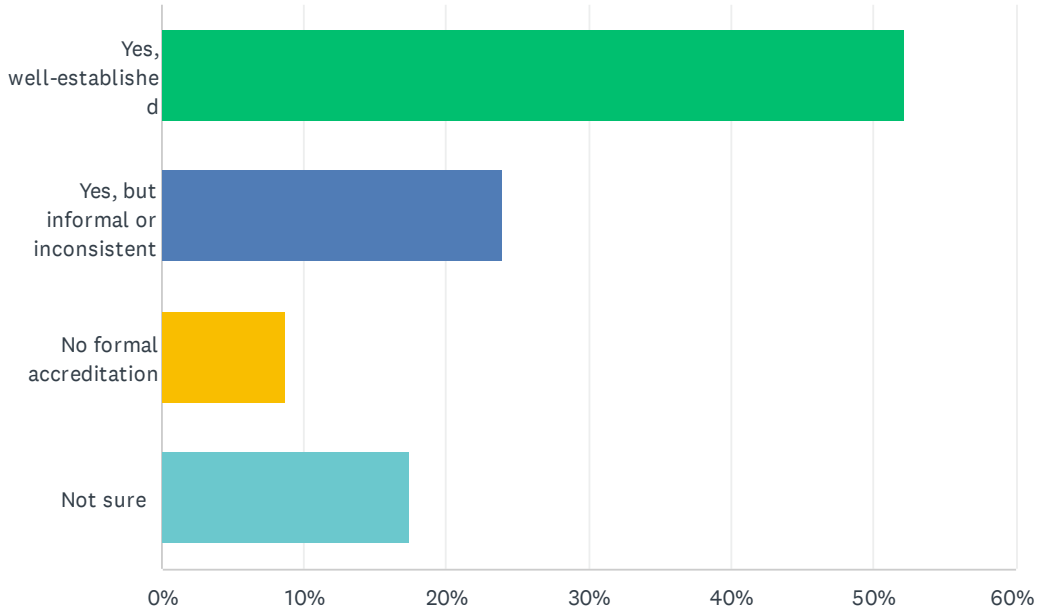
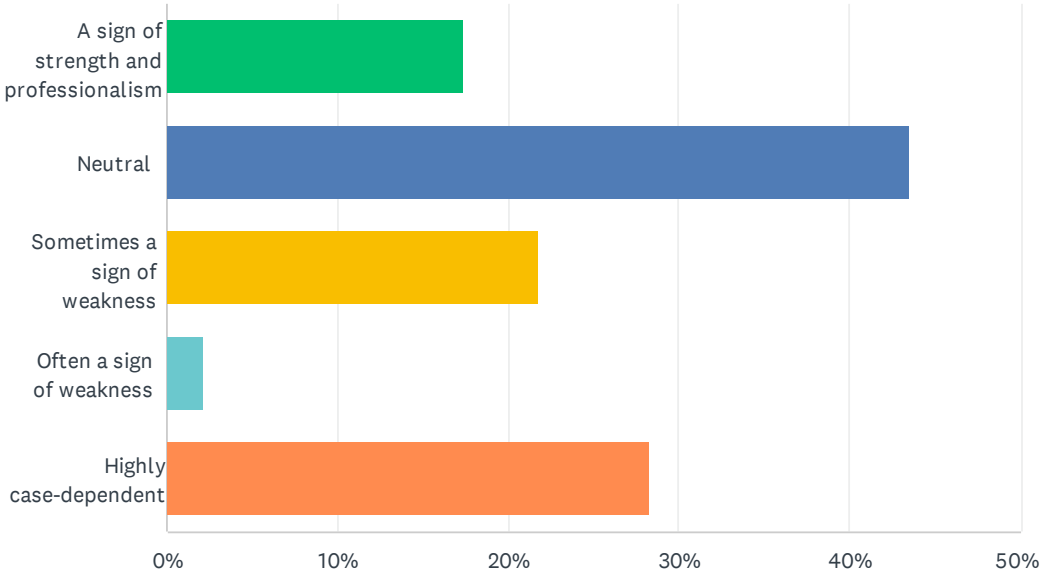


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, well-established	52.17%	24
Yes, but informal or inconsistent	23.91%	11
No formal accreditation	8.70%	4
Not sure	17.39%	8
Total Respondents: 46		

Q24 In your legal culture, suggesting mediation is perceived as:

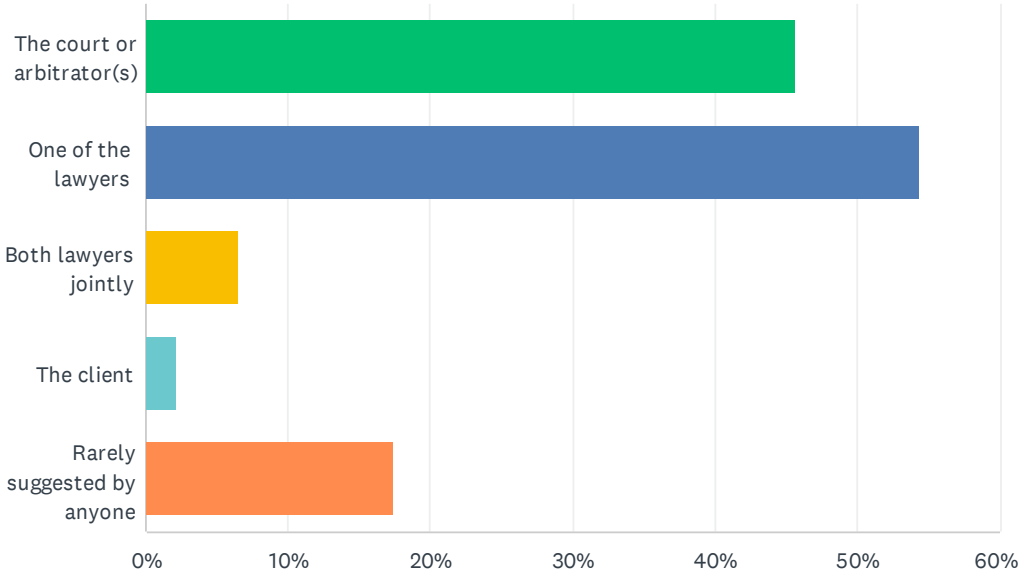
Answered: 46 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
A sign of strength and professionalism	17.39%	8
Neutral	43.48%	20
Sometimes a sign of weakness	21.74%	10
Often a sign of weakness	2.17%	1
Highly case-dependent	28.26%	13
Total Respondents: 46		

Q25 Who most often suggests mediation?

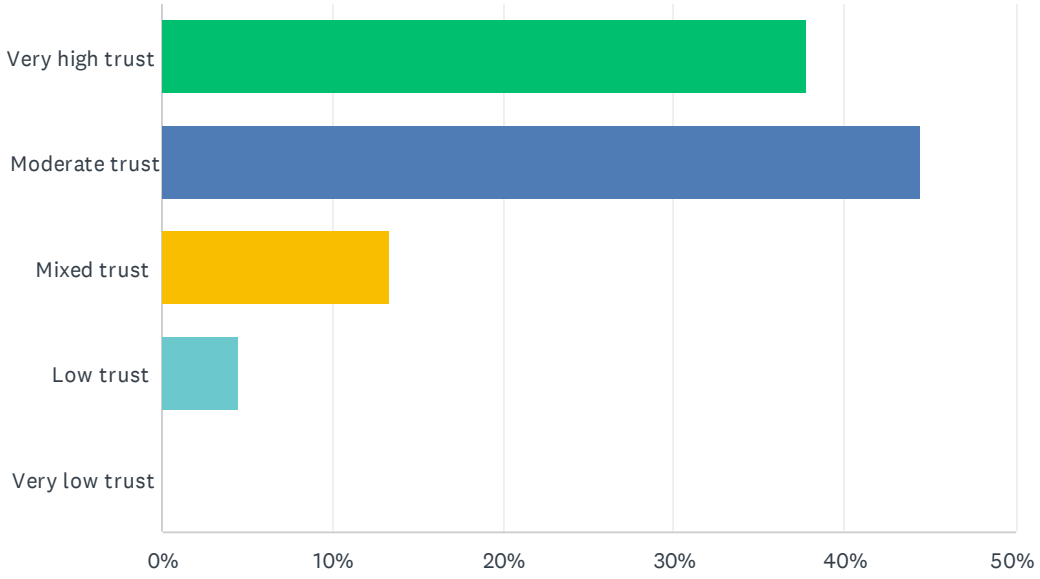
Answered: 46 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
The court or arbitrator(s)	45.65%	21
One of the lawyers	54.35%	25
Both lawyers jointly	6.52%	3
The client	2.17%	1
Rarely suggested by anyone	17.39%	8
Total Respondents: 46		

Q26 Do lawyers in your jurisdiction generally trust mediators' neutrality?

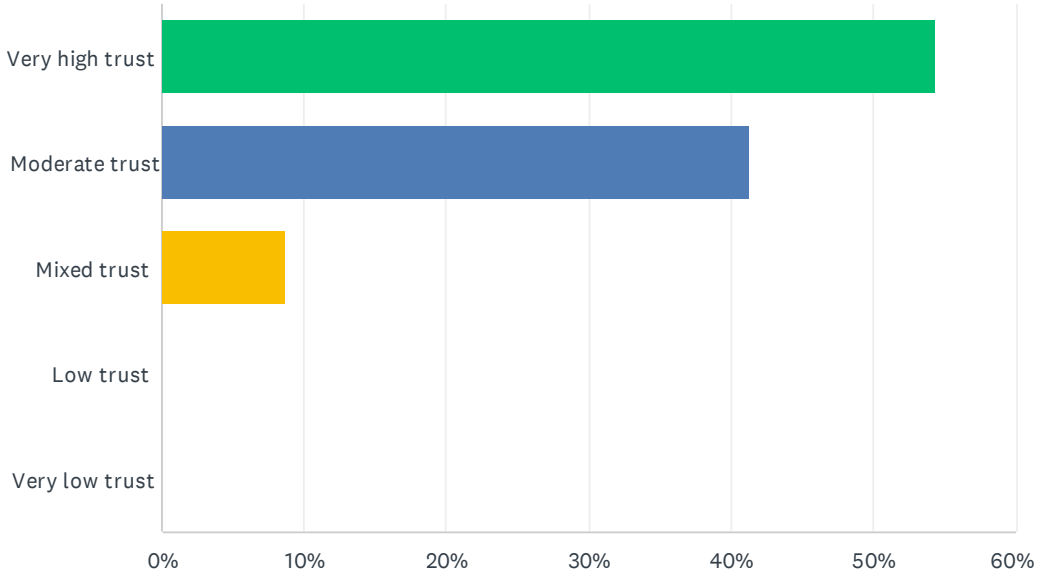
Answered: 45 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very high trust	37.78%	17
Moderate trust	44.44%	20
Mixed trust	13.33%	6
Low trust	4.44%	2
Very low trust	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 45		

Q27 Do you generally trust mediators' neutrality?

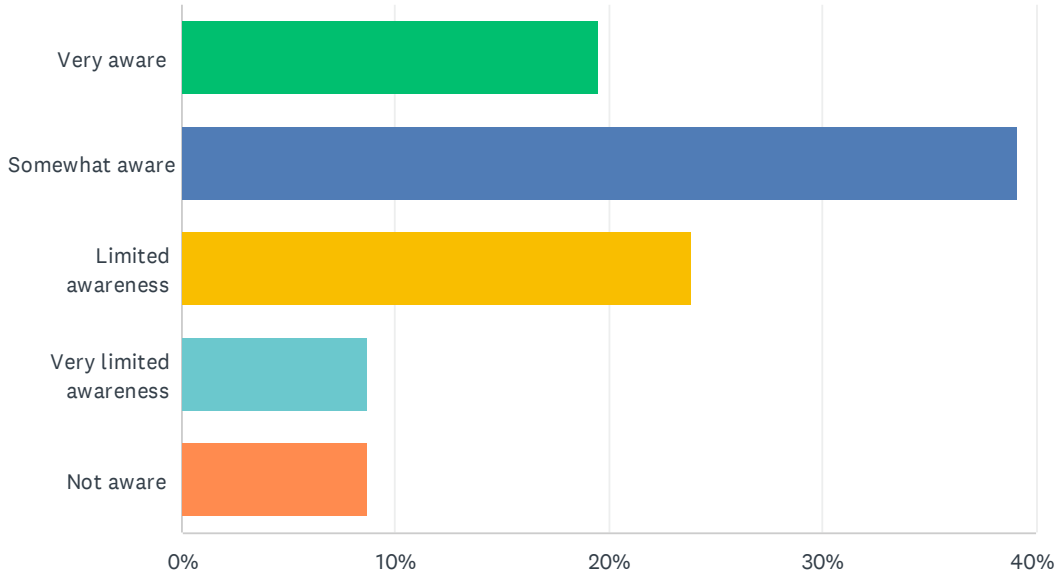
Answered: 46 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very high trust	54.35%	25
Moderate trust	41.30%	19
Mixed trust	8.70%	4
Low trust	0.00%	0
Very low trust	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 46		

Q28 Are business clients generally aware of mediation as a dispute-resolution option?

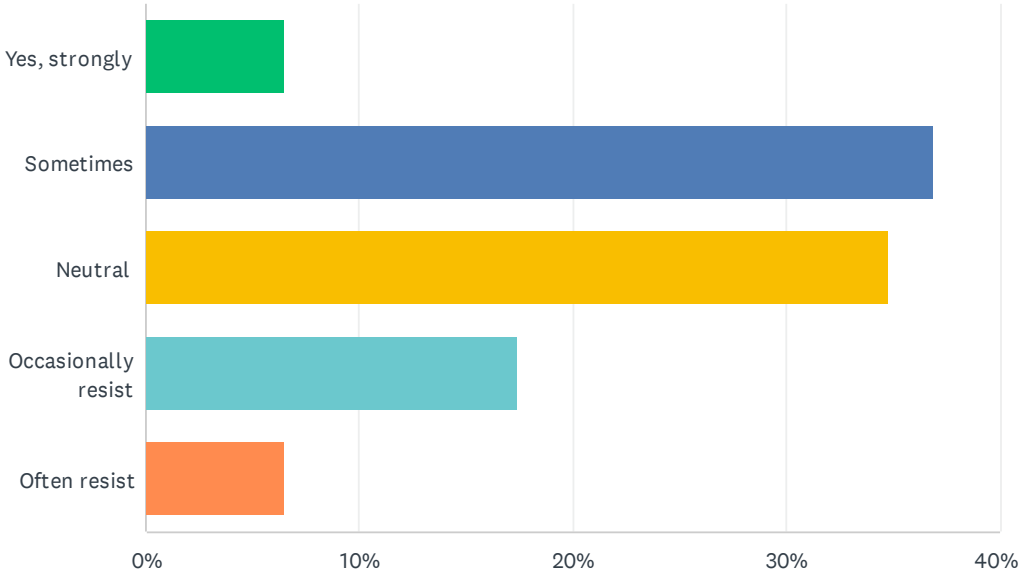
Answered: 46 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very aware	19.57%	9
Somewhat aware	39.13%	18
Limited awareness	23.91%	11
Very limited awareness	8.70%	4
Not aware	8.70%	4
Total Respondents: 46		

Q29 Do business clients generally encourage mediation?

Answered: 46 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, strongly	6.52%	3
Sometimes	36.96%	17
Neutral	34.78%	16
Occasionally resist	17.39%	8
Often resist	6.52%	3
Total Respondents: 46		

Q30 Common client concerns about mediation include (select all that apply):

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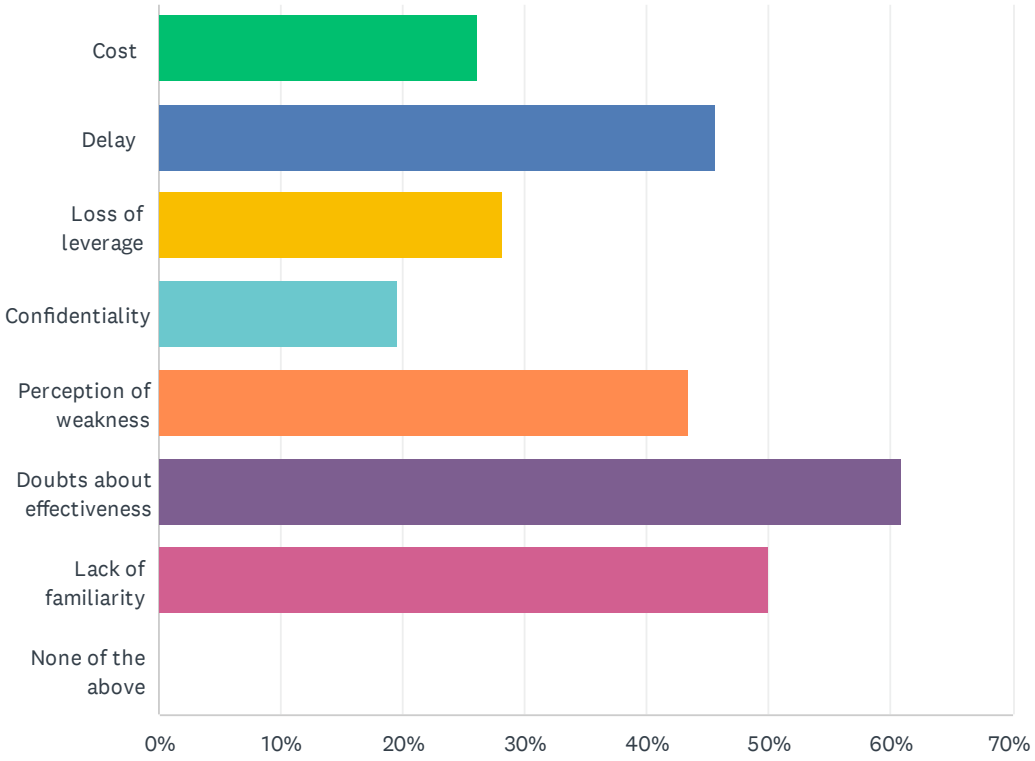
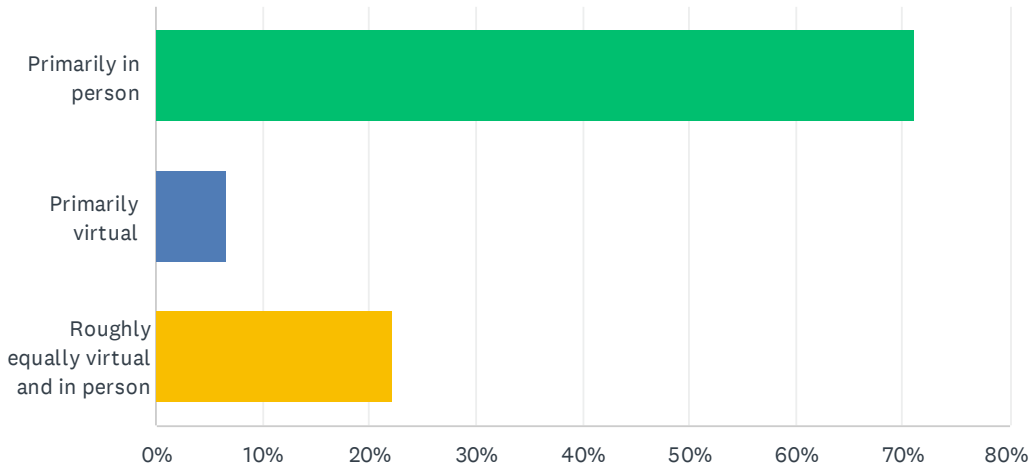


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Cost	26.09%	12
Delay	45.65%	21
Loss of leverage	28.26%	13
Confidentiality	19.57%	9
Perception of weakness	43.48%	20
Doubts about effectiveness	60.87%	28
Lack of familiarity	50.00%	23
None of the above	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 46		

Q31 Mediation in your matters is conducted:

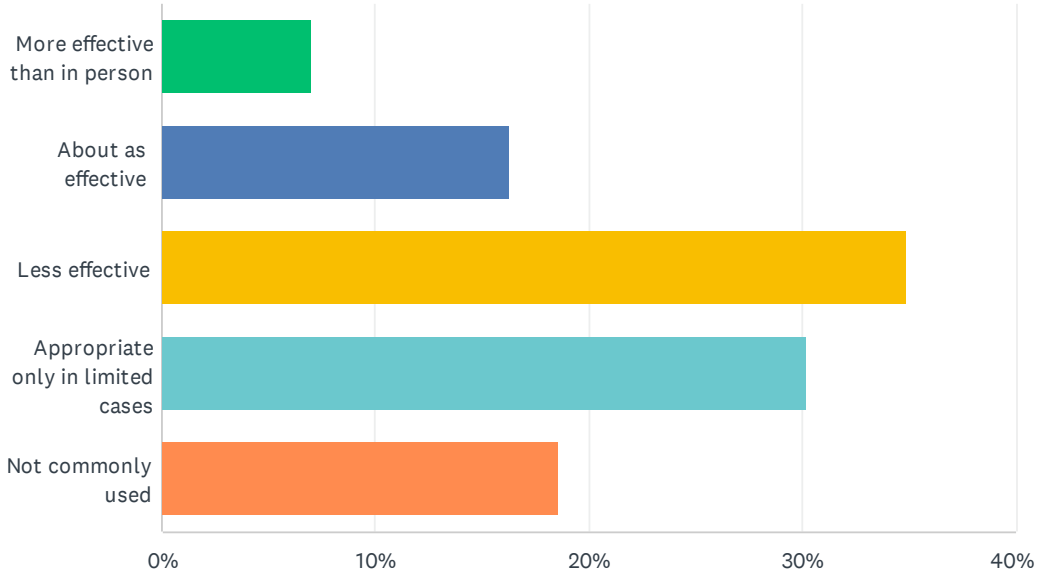
Answered: 45 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Primarily in person	71.11%	32
Primarily virtual	6.67%	3
Roughly equally virtual and in person	22.22%	10
Total Respondents: 45		

Q32 Virtual mediation is perceived as:

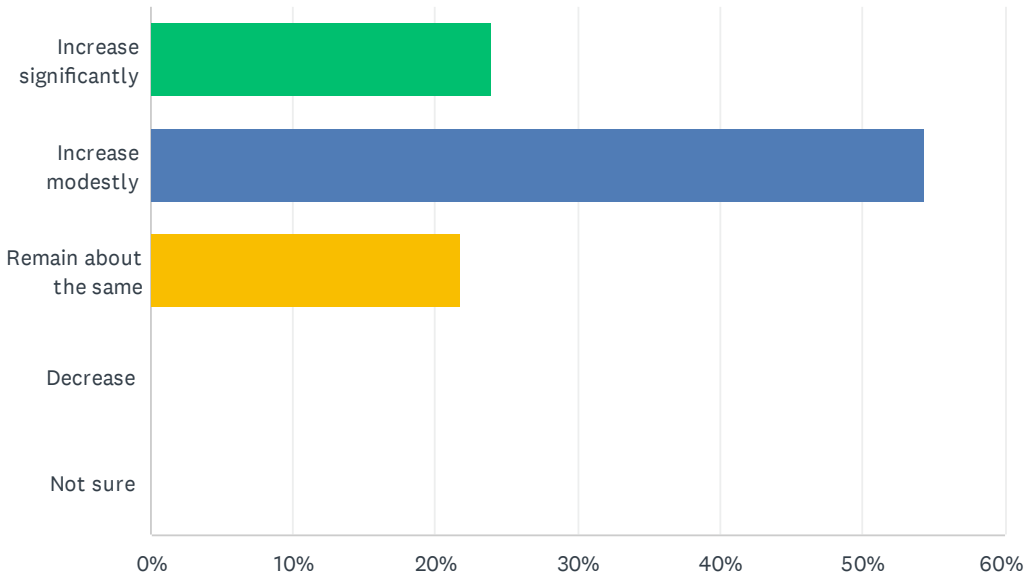
Answered: 43 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
More effective than in person	6.98%	3
About as effective	16.28%	7
Less effective	34.88%	15
Appropriate only in limited cases	30.23%	13
Not commonly used	18.60%	8
Total Respondents: 43		

Q33 Over the next 5–10 years, you expect mediation in your jurisdiction to:

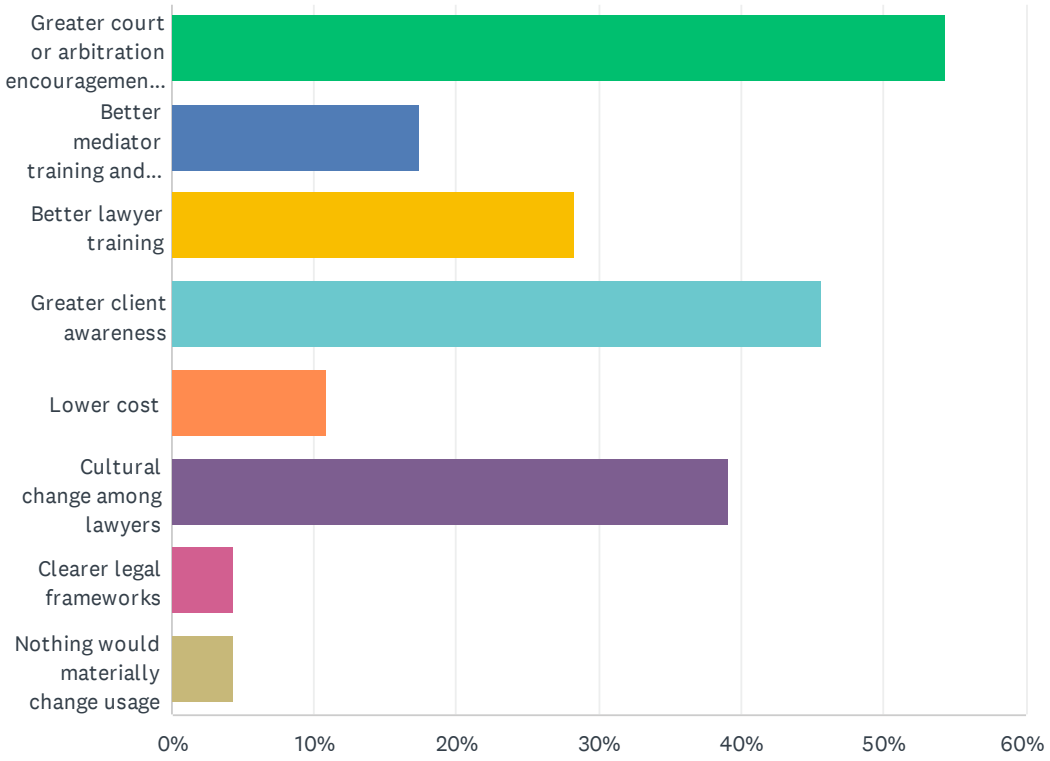
Answered: 46 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Increase significantly	23.91%	11
Increase modestly	54.35%	25
Remain about the same	21.74%	10
Decrease	0.00%	0
Not sure	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 46		

Q34 What would most increase the use of mediation in your jurisdiction? (Select up to two)

Answered: 46 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Greater court or arbitration encouragement or mandates	54.35%	25
Better mediator training and quality control	17.39%	8
Better lawyer training	28.26%	13
Greater client awareness	45.65%	21
Lower cost	10.87%	5
Cultural change among lawyers	39.13%	18
Clearer legal frameworks	4.35%	2
Nothing would materially change usage	4.35%	2
Total Respondents: 46		

Q35 In one or two sentences, what is the single biggest barrier to wider use of mediation in your jurisdiction?

Answered: 28 Skipped: 18

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I believe what stops a wider use of mediation in my jurisdiction is the lack of a culture of mediation and, therefore, a lack of trust in such system. With mediation becoming mandatory by law before initiating a court proceeding, I believe mediation will significantly increase in the near future.	3/24/2026 8:42 AM
2	Lack of confidence and previous experiences of businessman a	3/22/2026 6:08 PM
3	Often the lawyer of the counter party, who may have different reasons to resist (thinks his legal position is strong, wishes to make money on the litigation, or has bad experience with mediation).	3/17/2026 5:45 AM
4	The willingness of both parties to find a solution. Often, one party (or both) wants to stick to their own position (in the expectation that a judge will rule in their favour). For this reason, I believe mediation is almost exclusively successful when the parties have a long-term relationship and will therefore have to continue working with one another for a long time to come. Only then is there a willingness to make room for a solution	3/16/2026 2:52 PM
5	Lack of leverage	3/15/2026 4:51 AM
6	Lack of interest in proceeding with mediation	3/8/2026 5:10 AM
7	Lack of efficiency as fairly often parties are not willing to negotiate	3/5/2026 6:28 AM
8	The main barrier is the still deeply rooted litigation culture among parties and lawyers, who often perceive court proceedings as the default path to dispute resolution despite increasing judicial encouragement of mediation.	3/5/2026 6:19 AM
9	It is not perceived as effective. Parties don't think it will help them. They are in a fight mode, not in a talking mode.	3/5/2026 4:18 AM
10	(1) Delays. (2) One of the parties' believe having a strong case. Mediation is perceived as delaying a final arbitration or court decision on the matter.	3/5/2026 2:04 AM
11	The interest of people in negotiating a solution	3/4/2026 10:08 AM
12	No substantial barrier exists	3/4/2026 7:54 AM
13	Client awareness, and both parties' willingness to accept it	3/4/2026 5:02 AM
14	In my field of expertise, people expect that it will not be helpfull to the case, stakes are high, time is limited etc.	3/4/2026 4:52 AM
15	Culture	3/4/2026 4:50 AM
16	Lack of knowledge among clients, Lack of knowledge and training among lawyers; most French litigation lawyers have a mindset that is unsuited to mediation (they prefer 'confrontation' in court). A severe lack of pragmatism.	3/4/2026 4:17 AM
17	The availability of good mediators.	2/26/2026 1:48 PM
18	Lawyers perceive they will lose fees if they submit the case to mediation. Lawyers feel they are better than mediators to resolve a case.	2/26/2026 2:21 AM
19	1. Attitude of parties involved due to lack of awareness 2. There also ought to be support from the judiciary	2/24/2026 10:54 PM
20	Lawyers on the other side encouraging litigation for reasons that we can be suspicious about.	2/24/2026 7:44 AM
21	Poor knowledge on the part of lawyers, the belief that they will lose business (lawsuits) and	2/24/2026 6:54 AM

	therefore money, loss of control over the client, and a certain ego on the part of lawyers who do not want to show it as a sign of incompetence: they do not admit that mediation can offer what their direct negotiation has failed to achieve.	
22	Cultural bias, lack of awareness, lack of financial incentives,unjustifiable procedural inadmissibilities. There's currently a mediation law reformation under way, expected by this summer.	2/24/2026 6:21 AM
23	The clients are generally not that familiar with mediation. It may also help if mediation clauses are drafted into contracts.	2/23/2026 2:56 PM
24	High power imbalance between parties	2/23/2026 11:03 AM
25	most people not being familiar with it - it is perceived as a "common law tool" and therefore not really known (and thus also not readily suggested) - however, there are more and more companies making good experiences with it, so there is hope	2/23/2026 10:19 AM
26	Mediators need to understand the subject matter -- and be able to think "outside of the box" when proposing possible solutions. They also need to be well versed on court proceedings (if mediation fails) and understand which party may have strengths or weaknesses that are related to the law. (In my experience, many mediators focus on the facts involved in the dispute, instead of spending at least some time on analyzing the law.)	2/23/2026 9:28 AM
27	There is no mandatory mediation on one side, and on the other side the Serbian BAR Association does not perceive mediation as positive (rather as negative in terms of lower litigation / arbitration potential for lawyers) so that lawyer do not encourage parties to mediation.	2/23/2026 7:46 AM
28	Unfamiliarity	2/23/2026 6:43 AM