

## Mediation Confidentiality: Are there two interpretations of *Alfieri v. Solomon*?

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Oregon's mediation statutes create a zone of confidentiality to encourage negotiated settlements through confidential and frank discussions among litigants, lawyers, and mediators. Communications that qualify as "mediation communications" under the statutory definition cannot be disclosed and are inadmissible in any adjudicatory proceeding, unless the parties consent to the disclosure in writing.

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