572.33 DEFINITIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Scope.** When used in sections 572.31 to 572.40 the terms defined in this section have the meanings given them.

Subd. 2. **Mediator.** "Mediator" means a third party with no formal coercive power whose function is to promote and facilitate a voluntary settlement of a controversy identified in an agreement to mediate.

Subd. 3. **Agreement to mediate.** "Agreement to mediate" means a written agreement which identifies a controversy between the parties to the agreement, states that the parties will seek to resolve the controversy through mediation, provides for termination of mediation upon written notice from either party or the mediator delivered by certified mail or personally to the other people who signed the agreement, is signed by the parties and mediator and is dated.

Subd. 4. **Mediated settlement agreement.** "Mediated settlement agreement" means a written agreement setting out the terms of a partial or complete settlement of a controversy identified in an agreement to mediate, signed by the parties, and dated.

Subd. 5. **Nonprofit regional alternative dispute resolution corporation.** "Nonprofit regional alternative dispute resolution corporation" has the meaning given in section 480.24, subdivision 5.

History: *1984 c 646 s 2; 1986 c 398 art 17 s 3,4*