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VI. Separation of Mediation from Legal and Other Professional Advice: A mediator shall limit himself or herself solely to the role of mediator, and shall not give legal or other professional advice during the mediation.

A mediator may, ~~provide information that the mediator in areas where he/she is qualified by training and or experience to provide, raise questions regarding the only if the mediator can do so consistent with these Standards. information presented by the parties in the mediation session. However, the mediator shall not provide legal or other professional advice.~~ Mediators may respond to a party's request for an opinion on the merits of the case or suitability of settlement proposals only in accordance with Section V.C. above.

OFFICIAL COMMENT

Although mediators shall not provide legal or other professional advice, mediators may respond to a party's request for an opinion on the merits of the case or the suitability of settlement proposals only in accordance with Section V.C. above, and mediators may provide information that they are qualified by training or experience to provide only if it can be done consistent with these Standards.