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## Ten Sure Fire Ways to Torpedo a Mediation

- 1. Insult or attack the other side in the joint session.
- 2. Come in with "set in stone" minimum or maximum settlement figures.
- 3. Bring the wrong people to the negotiation table.
- **4.** Lose your temper.
- 5. Brag to the other side about how you will "whip them at trial."
- **6.** Brag to the other side about what a great trial attorney you are.
- 7. Leave the real decision maker back home or at the office.
- **8.** Set your client's expectations too high.
- 9. Give legal advice that you are not sure of.
- **10.** Treat the mediation as simply an opportunity for discovery.