

Order of Occupancy in the Settlement of Pollution Disputes*

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Abstract

In recent years, Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) techniques have increasingly been applied to settle environmental disputes. The order of occupancy often becomes a point at issue in such settlement processes. This paper analyzes a micro-level dataset of environmental ADR to examine how the order of occupancy affects the settlement process. The results of the duration analysis show that a dispute settlement takes longer if the polluter emitted air pollutants or created noise even prior to the victims' occupancy.

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