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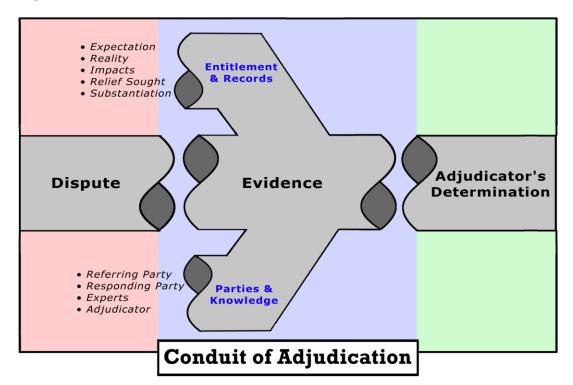
## Adjudication Awareness Bulletin (April, 2019) Conduit of Adjudication Dispute to Evidence to Determination

This is further to the **Adjudication Awareness Bulletin (March, 2019)** titled "Scenario – Lifecycle of a Typical Contract Dispute - Dispute to Adjudication to Resolution" with respect to the Construction Act ("Act") that came into force in Ontario in 2017.

A typical construction dispute that is subject to adjudication follows a process that involves a number of stages that flow from there being a dispute through to there being a determination which typically involves the following steps

- **1. Dispute**: There is a difference between the parties which crystalizes into a dispute which is subject to a notice of dispute issued, in the prescribed form, by one party to the other.
- **2. Entitlement & Records**: The entitlement alleged by one party (and responded to by the other party) is evidenced by records which detail what was expected, encountered, impacts, relief sought, and provide substantiation.
- **3. Parties & Knowledge**: The knowledge of the referring party, responding party, any experts (if engaged), and the adjudicator provide their specific expertise to the matters under dispute.
- **4. Evidence**: The Entitlement & Records (item 2) and the Parties & Knowledge (item 3) provide the evidence in support of the Dispute (item 1) as provided by the parties participating in the adjudication.
- **5. Adjudicator's Determination**: The Evidence (item 4) provides the information that allows the adjudicator to provide its determination in respect of the Dispute (item 1).

This process from there being a dispute through to there being a determination can be pictorially represented as shown below in the **Conduit of Adjudication**.



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