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That is why ownership makes sense here. ADR concepts tend to stay useful after the course ends, especially for paralegal students, legal support professionals, and early law-office workers who may continue encountering settlement, mediation, and

arbitration issues in practice. This is not just a one-test survey text. It has clear professional afterlife.

Who should buy print and who should not

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