**Section 201.250 Privilege Against Disclosure; Admissibility; Discovery**

a) *Except as otherwise provided in Section* 201.252, *mediation communications,* including notes and writings,are *privileged as provided in subsection (b) and* are *not subject to discovery or admissible in evidence in a proceeding unless waived or precluded as provided by Section* 201.251.

b) *In a proceeding, the following privileges apply:*

1) A mediation participant *may refuse to disclose, and may prevent any other person from disclosing, a mediation communication.*

2) *A mediator may refuse to disclose a mediation communication, and may prevent any other person from disclosing a mediation communication of the mediator.*

c) *Evidence or information that is otherwise admissible or subject to discovery does not become inadmissible or protected from discovery solely by reason of its disclosure or use in a mediation.* [710 ILCS 35/4]