

## Settlement

The Court routinely holds one settlement conference. At the parties' request, or, on the Court's own initiative, additional settlement conferences may be held, including half or full day conferences. Clients with full settlement authority must be present at the settlement conferences. If an attorney must consult with an insurance company agent in order to participate meaningfully in settlement discussions, such agent must be present as well.

Cases to be tried to the bench are referred to the assigned Magistrate Judge for settlement, or to another Article III Judge, if the parties so request.