

Alternative Dispute Resolution

CASE EVALUATION: The Court encourages the parties to participate in case evaluation and follows [E.D. Mich. LR 16.3](#). Attorneys must file a [Consent to Participate in Case Evaluation](#) form before the case manager can arrange for it to be scheduled. Case evaluation is most productive when done immediately after the dispositive motions are resolved.

FACILITATION: This process, sometimes referred to as facilitative mediation, is the most effective method for case resolution. An experienced facilitator should be employed. This process can be used at any time during the litigation, but is most beneficial after the majority of the discovery is completed and before dispositive motions are filed. The parties may arrange for facilitation without contacting chambers. However, the Court will recommend a facilitator when asked.