

Alternative Dispute Resolution

1. **Facilitation** : This process, sometimes referred to as facilitative mediation, is a very effective method for case resolution and is strongly encouraged. An experienced facilitator should be employed by the parties. 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.
2. **Case Evaluation** : Case evaluation is available to the parties and follows [E.D. Mich. LR 16.3](#). Attorneys must file a stipulation to participate in case evaluation form before the case manager can arrange for it to be scheduled. Stipulations must state that the parties agree to be bound by all the provisions of Mich. Ct. R. 2.403, including the provision regarding sanctions. It is the responsibility of the attorneys to make sure that case evaluation is completed before the final pretrial conference.