

## **Case Evaluation**

The Court refers most cases to evaluation with a local state court case evaluation tribunal. If the parties both agree to be bound by the case evaluation sanctions set forth in Michigan Court Rule 2.403, then the parties should submit a stipulation so providing by the date designated in the Scheduling Order. If the court orders case evaluation, the case will still proceed to case evaluation, even if the parties do not agree to be bound by MCR 2.403.

The Court typically issues the order referring the case to case evaluation after discovery has concluded. The local case evaluation tribunal will then schedule the case evaluation and advise the parties of the requirements for same. The case evaluation may occur before, during, or after dispositive motions.

The Court also utilizes other types of alternative dispute resolution techniques, where appropriate, such as facilitation or arbitration.