Civil Cases: ADR - MEDIATION - CASE EVALUATION

The court welcomes and endorses agreements between parties to engage in alternative dispute resolution. Upon joint request of the parties, the Court will refer a case for evaluation, to either a private mediator, or to a Magistrate Judge for a settlement conference, after the completion of discovery. Early referral to mediation or settlement conference is available upon the joint request of parties. The court will also facilitate pretrial resolution in appropriate cases.