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 usually refer a case for evaluation by a state tribunal, or to a Magistrate Judge or an outside facilitator for mediation, after the completion of discovery. Parties may request a referral to evaluation or mediation prior to the close of discovery. The Court will also facilitate pretrial resolution in appropriate cases.