

District Court of Maryland ADR Office

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Website: www.mdcourts.gov/district/adr/home.html



If you have a civil case pending in the District Court of Maryland, you may be able to take advantage of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) to resolve your dispute. There are two types of ADR processes offered: mediation and settlement conferences.

ADR Processes

Mediation: An impartial mediator supports participants in a conversation to help them try to reach a mutually agreeable resolution of their own creation. The mediator does not evaluate any aspect of the case or suggest solutions.

Settlement Conference: An experienced attorney serves as the neutral and may evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of a case and may make suggestions to assist the participants with settling the case.

ADR Services

You can use ADR before your trial date and on the day of your trial. ADR services in the District Court are free to the participants.

Day of Trial ADR services are offered in-person on the trial date. Pre-trial ADR services may be available in-person, remotely (on a computer, tablet, or smart phone), or both. The services offered at each District Court location vary; please visit the [District Court ADR Office website](http://www.mdcourts.gov/district/adr/home.html) to see what is available in your county. Please contact the ADR Office according to how you would like to participate in an ADR session, in-person or remotely:

In-Person ADR (p) 410-260-1676 Toll-free: 1-866-940-1729 Email: adroffice@mdcourts.gov	Remote ADR (Option only available pre-trial) (p) 410-260-1971 Email: RemoteADR@mdcourts.gov Remote ADR Request Form: https://mdcourts.gov/district/adr/remotedr
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Before Your Trial (no later than two weeks prior to trial)

Pre-Trial Mediation: Cases are referred to approved mediators or a partner organization and can be scheduled on a mutually agreeable date, time, and location convenient for all parties. If the case is not resolved at the pre-trial mediation, the case goes forward to trial on the scheduled trial date.

Pre-Trial Settlement Conference: Cases are referred to approved settlement conference attorneys. The District Court ADR Office will schedule sessions on a mutually agreeable date for all parties in the case. If the case is not resolved during the pre-trial settlement conference, the case goes forward to trial on the scheduled trial date.

Day of Trial

Day of Trial ADR: In the courtroom, cases may be referred to mediation or settlement conference by the judge, or parties may request these services if available. All parties in the case must appear for the case to be referred to ADR. The ADR process will take place in a private room in the courthouse. If the case is not resolved in ADR, the parties will return to the courtroom for the scheduled court process.

To learn more about alternative dispute resolution programs in the District Court of Maryland and to find out which services are available at the courthouse where your case is scheduled, visit the [District Court ADR Office website](#), or call 410-260-1676 or 1-866-940-1729.