



# District Court of Maryland

## Case Disposition Information Sheet

### Day of Trial Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Program



Since you have reached an agreement, the last thing to decide is how you want the court to close your case. This is called “case disposition.”

This chart contains the most common dispositions for cases settled through alternative dispute resolution (ADR). If you agree on your case disposition, it will be written into the settlement agreement. If you are unsure which disposition to choose, or disagree on the case disposition, the judge will make a decision based on what is presented in court. You may also propose a different disposition to the judge other than those listed below. The judge cannot give legal advice.

#### Do you or the other party have something more to do for this case after today?

Some examples include:

- Payment plan is set-up but not finished
- Repairs are scheduled or need to be scheduled
- Property needs to be returned

**Your case will be:  
Dismissed Upon  
Stipulated Terms  
(Maryland Rule  
3-506(b))**

#### Effect in Court:

If any party fails to follow the agreement, the case may be reopened at any time by any party to enforce the agreement.

#### Do you and the other party agree that both of you have nothing more to do for this case?

Some examples include:

- Payment was made in full in cash
- Credit card payment processed/check cleared
- Repairs were completed
- Property was returned
- Nothing was exchanged but the apology was accepted

**Your case will be:  
Dismissed With  
Prejudice**

#### Effect in Court:

This particular case cannot be reopened and another case about these issues may not be filed at a later time.

#### Do you and the other party agree that neither of you have an obligation to the other for this case?

One example is:

Both parties agree to dismiss the case without any other terms, and they want the right to bring the case in the future.

**Your case will be:  
Dismissed Without  
Prejudice**

#### Effect in Court:

Another case may be refiled with the court at a later time (depending on other court rules or statutes).

#### Do you and/or the other party . . .

- feel unsure about which option to choose?
- disagree on the case disposition?
- want the judge to decide case disposition?
- want a case disposition not listed on this Sheet?
- want the case continued?
- believe that the wrong person is being sued?

**Your case will be:  
Returned to the  
Courtroom**

#### Effect in Court:

The judge will choose the disposition for the case based on your settlement agreement.