

Summary of Amendments to Local Civil Rule 83.6

The proposed amended rule reflects the current practice of the Court regarding settlement and alternative dispute resolution and complies with the requirements of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Act of 1998, 28 U.S.C. § 651, et seq., and the Guide to Judiciary Policy, Vol. 4., Ch. 5, requiring the Court to devise and implement its own alternative dispute resolution program to encourage and promote the use of alternative dispute resolution. This district has complied with such requirements by providing magistrate judges who have been trained to serve as judicial neutrals in alternative dispute resolutions processes. 28 U.S.C. § 653(b). Any references to use of non-judicial mediators or neutrals has been removed from the rule to reflect this district's practice of using magistrate judges for such purposes.