

United States District Court
Northern District of Indiana

Robert L. Miller, Jr.
Chief Judge

204 South Main Street
South Bend, Indiana
46601

September 25, 2003

Dear Attorneys:

The court is in the process of implementing the Alternative Dispute Resolution Process provisions contained in the attached General Order of July 9, 2003.

We are searching for attorneys who may be interested in our district-wide program to serve as mediators. I have enclosed a standardized questionnaire that we ask all mediators to complete. Once the questionnaire is returned, your name will be added to the list of mediators for possible selection by counsel or the court. The mediator list can be found on the court's website at www.innd.uscourts.gov under "Info/Forms."

Thank you for expressing an interest in our program.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Miller, Jr., Chief Judge
United States District Court

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA**

IN RE: A GENERAL ORDER)
OF THE COURT)

ORDER

The Court shall follow the provisions of Local Rule 16.6(b) in every case unless the case is exempt by operation of Local Rule 16.1(b). Accordingly, in every case in which a Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f) report is submitted, the parties and the Court shall consider the use of an Alternative Dispute Resolution Process (hereafter “ADR Process”), such as mediation. A settlement conference conducted by a judicial officer is not an ADR Process. *See*, Local Rule 16.6(b).

Following the consideration of that proposed ADR Process which the parties wish to employ, if any, as well as when that process should be undertaken, the Court shall, if the Court approves, incorporate the process in the Court’s scheduling order entered in accordance with Fed. R. Civ.P. 16(b)(6) and (c)(9). If the Court disapproves of the ADR Process proposed by the parties, or upon consideration determines that no ADR Process is to be employed in the case, the court shall make specific findings on the record establishing good cause therefore.

If Mediation is the is the ADR Process selected by the parties and approved by the Court, either the name of the Mediator or the date by which his or her name will be supplied to the Court shall be specified in the scheduling order.

This order is also not to discourage or prevent the agreed adoption of an ADR Process in any case

in which a Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(f) report is not require.

SO ORDERED this 9th day of July, 2003.

Robert L. Miller, Jr.

Robert L. Miller, Jr., Chief Judge

Allen Sharp, Judge

William C. Lee

William C. Lee, Judge

James T. Moody

James T. Moody, Judge

Rudy Lozano

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Philip Simon

Philip Simon, Judge

Theresa Springmann

Theresa Springmann, Judge