

## Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Program Sixth Judicial District

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## Henry County State Court Information on Mediation

For those civil cases filed in the State Court of Henry County in the nature of complaints for personal injury or wrongful death; complaints for damages arising from construction contracts or the breach thereof; complaints alleging professional malpractice of any nature; and any other case as the Judge deems appropriate may be referred to the ADR Program for dispute resolution.

In each case, the assigned Judge issues a scheduling order for when an ADR session must be completed. Once a scheduling order has been issued, it is the responsibility of the parties to either contact the ADR to schedule an ADR session; or arrange a session privately with a neutral registered with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution. A General Civil Initiation Form (GCIF) should be completed in every case referred to ADR. Said form is available from the ADR Office and online at <u>www.adr6th.org</u>.

Neutrals may either be selected by the parties or assigned from a rotational list. For those cases wherein a neutral is assigned, the hourly fee is \$100.00 per hour with a one-hour minimum. Any neutral may be selected as long as he/she is a registered neutral. The ADR office maintains a list of registered neutrals from which parties/attorneys may choose. Selection of a neutral may obligate parties to a higher hourly rate.

At the conclusion of the ADR session, the ADR Office is notified of the outcome. It is then the responsibility of the ADR Office to notify the court of the ADR results.

Should you have any questions regarding the ADR process, please feel free to contact the program director, Tracy Johnson at the above numbers and addresses.