

16.4 ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 651(b), alternative dispute resolution proceedings are authorized for use in all civil actions, including adversary proceedings in bankruptcy. Pursuant to the District's General Order—available on its website—parties in all civil cases, except those cases specifically exempted by the Order, must participate in the District's Mediation and Assessment Program. The Court may, at any stage of a civil action, require the parties to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process.