

# INDIANA – NORTHERN

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## **N.D. Ind. L.R. 16-6 Alternative Dispute Resolution**

**(a) Report of Agreement.** After they confer as required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f), the parties must advise the court which, if any, alternative-dispute-resolution processes they expect to pursue and when they expect to undertake the process.

**(b) Authority to Order Mediation or Evaluation.** The court may order mediation or early neutral evaluation in any civil case.

**(c) Rules.** The Indiana Rules for Alternative Dispute Resolution (including the rules regarding privilege, confidentiality of communications, and disqualification of neutrals) apply to all alternative-dispute-resolution processes unless the court orders otherwise.

**(d) Judicial Settlement Conference.** A settlement conference conducted by a judge is not an alternative-dispute-resolution process.

**(e) Immunity of Mediators.** Mediators performing their duties under these rules have, to the extent the law allows, the same immunities a judge has.

**(f) List of Neutrals.** The clerk must maintain a list of neutrals available for mediation or early neutral evaluation. The list may be purchased from the clerk's office or accessed for free on the court's website.