ADR TIMELINE

NEW CASES

Case opened.

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Notice of Court's automatic ADR requirements issued upon filing of complaint or notice of removal.

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Issue Joined.

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Parties confer regarding ADR.

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Court conducts scheduling conference pursuant to LR 16.1. Case assigned to mediation unless parties stipulate to another form of ADR. Court issues scheduling order.

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Motions to opt out due.

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Parties confer regarding selection of mediator and file stipulation .

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Court selects mediator if parties are unable to agree. Mediator contacts parties to schedule first session.

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Parties submit Mediation Memoranda.

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First Mediation Session held. If no settlement, parties and mediator discuss schedule for continuation.

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Mediator files Mediation Certification.

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Further mediation within time set by Court for completion of ADR. If no settlement, case prceeds to dispositive motions/trial.

14 days

28 days

6 weeks

12 weeks

7 days prior

7 days

PENDING CASES

Court issues Referral Order to mediation.

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Motions to opt out due.

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Parties confer regarding selection of mediator and file stipulation

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Court selects mediator if parties are unable to agree. Mediator contacts parties to schedule first session.

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Parties submit Mediation Memoranda.

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Mediation session(s) pursuant to schedule set in Referral Order. If no settlement, case procees to dispositive motions/trial.

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