

THE APPELLATE MEDIATION PROGRAM

The United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit has established an Appellate Mediation Program to encourage the settlement of appellate cases. Cases are selected for mediation by the Legal Division of the Clerk's Office. They are mediated by attorney-volunteers, who are selected by the Court and trained by dispute resolution professionals to perform the service.

The attorneys who mediate in the Appellate Mediation Program are distinguished members of the bar, experienced mediators in private practice and members of local law school faculties. The group is chaired by John H. Pickering of Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering. Mediators settle about a third of the cases they handle.

All mediation sessions are confidential and, unless the parties request such a change, do not alter the briefing or oral argument schedule. Information that is provided to the mediator during the course of the mediation is not made available to the judges and does not become part of the record on appeal.

Parties may request mediation by completing the "Request to Enter Appellate Mediation Program" on the other side of this page and sending it to the Clerk of the Court in duplicate. Although such requests are not automatically granted, each request is given special consideration.

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

REQUEST TO ENTER APPELLATE MEDIATION PROGRAM

Case Number: _____

Caption: _____
Appellant/Petitioner

vs.

Appellee/Respondent

Intervenor

I would like the above case considered for entry into the Appellate Mediation Program.

Signature:
Attorney for appellant/appellee (circle one)

Please send completed form to:

Appellate Mediation Program
Attention: Mark J. Langer
Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals
E. Barrett Prettyman U.S. Courthouse
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

To preserve the confidentiality of this request, the Court will not notify counsel if the request for mediation is rejected. If the case is selected for mediation, on the basis of this request and other factors, you will be notified accordingly.