

NOTICE OF MEDIATION PROCEDURES IN THE NINTH COURT OF APPEALS

This court is currently utilizing a mediation system which involves the referral of certain civil appeals to an alternative dispute resolution process. *See* TEX. CIV. PRAC. & REM. CODE ANN. ' 154.001, *et seq.* (West 2011). Under this system, a party may request, or this court may determine, that a civil case be referred to an appropriate mediation procedure. If requested by the parties, or alternatively, if, on its own motion, the court determines that such referral is appropriate, the court will enter an Order of Referral 1) designating a court-appointed mediator and venue for mediation, and 2) directing the parties and their counsel to attend this mediation. Any written objection to the Order of Referral must be eFiled with this Court within ten (10) days of its issuance. A copy of the Order of Referral will be transmitted to the court-appointed mediator for the scheduling of the time and date of the mediation. Fees for the mediation are to be agreed upon by the parties and the mediator, and divided and borne equally by the parties unless agreed otherwise. Fees shall be paid by the parties directly to the mediator, and shall be taxed as costs upon approval.

Please complete Section XII (Alternative Dispute Resolution/Mediation) on the Civil Docketing Statement located on the Forms screen on this website and eFile the completed Docketing Statement with the Court.

When a mediation results in an agreed disposition of the appeal, counsel shall notify the clerk of this court immediately and follow up with an appropriate joint motion.