

## **Referring a Case to ADR**

- The Family Law ADR Coordinator is available to screen cases and make referrals, conduct on-site mediations and conferences, and respond to inquiries about ADR and case management options either in person, by telephone, or in writing.
- Referrals from the bench are encouraged. The Family Law ADR Coordinator or staff is available during status conference, OSC, and short cause calendars to consult with attorneys and/or parties about their options for resolving the case, and to schedule a mediation or arbitration.
- The ADR Program has selected a group of qualified family law attorneys to serve as neutrals on the mediation and arbitration panel. ADR staff provides case development and screening prior to selecting a neutral. Participants pay a reduced rate of \$100 (\$50 per party) for the first 90 minutes.
- On-site mediation and conferencing with the attorney staff mediator is also available. Counsel may schedule mediation directly with staff in advance of an OSC, short cause, status or settlement conference. On-site mediation services are free of charge.
- The Family Law ADR Coordinator also maintains a list of experts (accountants, appraisers, vocational evaluators, etc.), as well as sample stipulation forms and orders to assist the court, parties, and counsel.
- Unlike civil matters, cases referred to the family law ADR program are not required by statute to report the outcome to the court. However, program staff monitor and track ADR referrals including entry into the court's Internal Case Management System (ICMS) and MAP's internal Data Tracking and Analysis System (DTAS). Inquiries as to the status of a referral are welcomed.