

2.6.01 | LOCAL RULE 33

Under Local Rule 33, all civil and agency cases in which all parties are represented by counsel on appeal will be reviewed by a circuit mediator after the filing of the docketing statements required by Local Rule 3(b). The circuit mediator will determine whether a mediation conference may assist either the court or the parties. Counsel for a party may also request a conference if counsel believes it will be of assistance to the court or the parties. Counsel's participation is required at any scheduled conference. Mediation conferences will generally be conducted by telephone but may be conducted in person at the discretion of a circuit mediator. Conferences may be adjourned from time to time by the circuit mediator. Purposes of the conference include:

- (a) Jurisdictional review;
- (b) Simplification, clarification, and reduction of issues;
- (c) Discussion of settlement; and
- (d) Consideration of any other matter relating to the efficient management and disposition of the appeal.

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