

# San Francisco Superior Court

## Rule 4 - Alternative Dispute Resolution

**4.0 Policy.** Every long cause, non-criminal, non-juvenile case should participate either in voluntary mediation, arbitration, neutral evaluation, an early settlement conference or other appropriate alternative dispute resolution process prior to trial. Information regarding the available alternative dispute resolution programs is posted on the Court's website (<http://sfsuperiorcourt.org/>) and included in the ADR packet provided to parties when the complaint is filed.

### **4.3 Early Settlement Conference Program (“ESP”).**

**A.** The Early Settlement Conference Program is available as one of the Court’s alternative dispute resolution programs.

**B.** Complete information regarding the program including procedures, method of case selection and qualification and selection of panelists may be reviewed at the San Francisco Law Library, BASF and the Court’s Alternative Dispute Resolution Administrator’s office.