

# AAA<sup>®</sup> Judicial Settlement

## C O N F E R E N C E

The Next Step in Settlement Solutions



## Parties interested in AAA settlement have more choices.

American Arbitration Association<sup>®</sup> (AAA) **Judicial Settlement Conference**: A case-resolution solution designed for parties desiring a non-binding facilitated negotiation with a higher degree of evaluation from their neutral than is found in other settlement procedural options.

Here, the neutral is a retired judge using his or her years of experience on the bench hearing cases to provide parties with case evaluation of the strengths, weaknesses, and value of their cases. Cases will be assessed based on the merits presented by each party, with the judge actively working to help parties arrive at settlement.

### An Effective Process— Faster and Less Expensive

**AAA Judicial Settlement Conference** provides businesses, individuals, and government agencies with an alternative dispute resolution (ADR) procedure that is similar in methods and objectives to the judicial settlement conferences used successfully by the courts.

However, with **AAA Judicial Settlement Conference**, parties get the benefit of mutually selecting the neutral judges, speed and convenience in scheduling the conference session, and the judge's resolution-oriented evaluation of a case's issues, together with the expedience of out-of-court settlement options.

Parties selecting this method start by submitting relevant and important material for the **AAA Judicial Settlement Conference** judge's consideration and present their respective viewpoints on the case at a subsequent session. The judge makes an assessment of the case to the parties either at a private caucus, if parties choose, or during an open session, either of which can be elected at the beginning of the Conference proceeding.

While the neutral **AAA Judicial Settlement Conference** judge assists the parties in reaching a settlement, the judge does not make a binding decision or award. Parties maintain their capacity for self-determination to accept or reject a settlement or resolution proposal. Parties and their representative(s) understand that the judge may comment on the strength or weakness of a case, its relative value, and the likely outcome of subsequent proceedings.

### A Select Panel of Judges

The judges selected to serve on the **AAA Judicial Settlement Conference** panel are former federal or state appellate-level judges and trial court judges selected for their success settling cases. Each has heard a great number of cases in a wide variety of topics and fields and is skilled in presiding over settlement conferences.

### Interested in AAA Judicial Settlement Conference?

For information on the Rules, fees, finding a judge, and filing a case:

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