

State of New York
Court of Appeals



Court of Appeals Hall
Albany, New York 12207

Rowan D. Wilson
Chief Judge

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE
CHIEF JUDGE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

Pursuant to Article VI, § 28(c) of the State Constitution and section 211 of the Judiciary Law, upon consultation with the Administrative Board of the Courts, and with the approval of the Court of Appeals of the State of New York, I hereby add, effective immediately, a new Part 60 of the Rules of the Chief Judge to read as follows:

PART 60. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION IN THE TRIAL COURTS

§60.1. Preamble. Experience has demonstrated that civil disputes are often resolved more effectively and more efficiently through mediation or other forms of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) than through traditional adversarial proceedings in court. Accordingly, this Part is established to authorize and encourage referral of disputes to ADR to the greatest extent practicable in the trial courts of the unified court system.

§60.2. Rules for the referral of civil disputes. The Chief Administrator of the Courts, with the advice and consent of the Administrative Board of the Courts, shall adopt rules for the referral of civil disputes in the trial courts of the unified court system to ADR. Such rules shall regulate the manner in which referrals shall be made and prescribe circumstances in which disputes shall not be referred; regulate the qualifications and manner of engagement of mediators or other neutral

third parties as required by the ADR processes to which such referrals are made; and provide for the confidentiality of those processes.



Chief Judge of the State of New York

Attest: 

Clerk of the Court of Appeals

Dated: December 12, 2023

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