

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

NOTICE

The judges of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania approved, for purposes of public notice and solicitation of comment, a local rule of civil procedure, to be designated Local Rule of Civil Procedure 53.3, Alternative Dispute Resolution, and a Court-Annexed Mediation Protocol under that rule. The judges also approved, for purposes of public notice and solicitation of comment, the repeal of Local Rule of Civil Procedure 53.2.1, to take place simultaneously with the adoption of New Local Rule of Civil Procedure 53.3.

Notice of these proposed amendments to the Local Rules of Civil Procedure and the Court-Annexed Mediation Protocol were published in the legal journals of the nine counties which comprise the Eastern District of Pennsylvania on several occasions. All comments received were carefully considered by the court.

On July 1, 2003, the judges of this Court repealed Local Civil Rule 53.2.1. and adopted Local Civil Rule 53.3 and the Court-Annexed Mediation Protocol. The new rule and protocol provide as follows: