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MI-Resolve Expansion

MI-Resolve, an online dispute resolution tool available throughout the state of Michigan, is expanding its services. Originally, MI-Resolve was limited to small claims, general civil and landlord-tenant types of cases involving only two parties. Now, MI-Resolve can be used to settle some circuit court types of cases, such as parenting time. Additionally, there is no longer a limitation on the number of parties per case that can be involved. Hence, attorneys representing their clients can participate.

MI-Resolve provides an efficient and accessible way of resolving disputes. By using this on-line service, parties can remain in the comfort of their own homes. They can avoid the hassle of going to court. A mediator is provided through the local Citizen Dispute Resolution Program (CDRP) center to help the parties resolve their conflict as well as provide guidance in the use of the technology. Northern Community Mediation (NCM) is the center that services Charlevoix and Emmet counties.

Just as zoom or in-person mediations ensure confidentiality and neutrality on the part of the mediator, so does MI-Resolve. If the dispute is resolved, the system produces the necessary court forms for filing in the individual courts. The system is a game-changer for people who are busy with work or children. Also, the service is free, involving no cost to the parties or court.

For more information about MI-Resolve, go to <https://www.northernmediation.org/mi-resolve/> on the NCM website, where there is further information, as well as four short videos that explain the program, or call 231.487.1771.

Northern Community Mediation is a non-profit organization that provides an alternative means of resolving conflict. Trained mediators, who meet with the parties involved in a dispute, facilitate so that the individuals themselves can resolve the conflict

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