

Introduction

Neutral Evaluations (NE) are brought upon referral from the Magistrate assigned to your case, from Judge Fuller, or by motion of a party. NE can be used to resolve either parenting or financial issues. A separate NE session will be conducted for each topic.

Parties present their positions to the panel members. The panel members will present their feedback to the parties and attorneys, if represented. Parties are free to consult privately with their attorneys throughout the NE.

If parties come to a partial or full agreement, documents can be drafted, signed, and submitted to the Magistrate or Judge. Other resolution programs are available if some issues still need to be resolved.



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"Cases get settled."



The Delaware County Domestic Relations Court strives for excellence while creating a professional legal environment where everyone is treated fairly and with respect. The Court will create calm order with consistent and timely decisions to help families going through conflict.



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Judge Randall D. Fuller

Neutral Evaluation

**Delaware County
Domestic
Relations Court**

Areas of Expertise



Financial

Assisting the process by creating asset and debt analyses, and child support scenarios.



Parenting

Providing age-based parenting time suggestions for children based on their development, exposures to conflict, and similar considerations.



Mental Health

Navigating sensitive matters with compassion, keeping all parties' goals and interests in mind.

Neutral Evaluation?



WHAT?

A structured process where parties summarily present their cases to two neutral evaluators, who then share impressions about the strengths and weaknesses of the issues.



WHY?

Explores prospects for settlement and avoids litigation. Reduces fees and costs while leaving control of the matter with the parties to the case to determine the outcome through settlement.



WHEN & WHO

NE can be ordered any time during your case. Parties, attorneys, legal and subject matter professionals, and guardians ad litem all participate.



WHERE & HOW LONG?

Most Neutral Evaluations are conducted by video conference, some may be conducted in person. Sessions typically last three to four hours.

*Party-Centric
Approach*

Feedback

Personalized Solutions

The Steps

BEFORE NE

Parties/ Attorneys will complete a short form containing some questions, submit relevant documents, and deposit costs a minimum of 14 days prior to the scheduled NE session. The form is to give the panel members an overview of the case.

DURING NE

Panel members will oversee discussions and ask questions of each party in an effort to gain sufficient information. The panel typically prepares feedback to share with parties & attorneys.

AFTER NE

Feedback about possible outcomes at trial will be presented to the parties, at which point they may decide to adopt the feedback, mediate additional terms of an agreement, or proceed to litigation. Other NE sessions may be scheduled.

