

About Mediation

Filing suit may not be the best solution in all cases. Most disputes which reach the court could have been settled more quickly and easily through better communication. Mediation is a process in which a third party promotes and facilitates communication between the parties to help them resolve their differences.

Mediation not only saves time and resources, but also, often results in a disposition which the parties have made themselves - one they have deemed most fair under the circumstances, and one which is more likely to be adhered to than a court imposed judgment.

If the dispute is not settled in this manner, the claimant (the party initiating the mediation) has lost nothing, as they may still file a civil action.

If the matter is settled the inconvenience of a full scale trial for all parties involved is avoided.

Both sides win through the mediation process. Neither side risks the loss of having the judge decide against them, both save the expense of court costs, the costs of gathering evidence, and possibly attorney fees.

Mediations are scheduled through the Municipal Court at no cost to either party. As a final reminder, if the matter is settled through the mediation process, the parties will have the satisfaction of having solved their problem without regard as to who won or lost. All involved will be winners.

Judge Eric Mulford



Gallipolis Municipal Court

www.gmcourt.com | 518 2nd Ave. Gallipolis, Oh 45631

Mediation Program

Providing an alternative for dispute resolution that is free, fair and confidential.

Please contact Civil Clerk **Trisha Finley** with any questions
tfinley@gallipoliscity.com | 740-446-9400 ext. 202

Why Mediate?

Avoids lengthy waits for decisions

Solutions designed by both parties

Avoids expense and collection procedures

Confidential, avoids airing of disputes

How to begin the mediation process

Complete the Mediation Program form
(on back)

Return form to the Municipal Court
(by mail or in person)

Court staff will contact you with your mediation date & time



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Date

Amount Claimed

Claimant(s)

Respondent(s)

Name

Name

Address Line 1

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Address Line 2

Phone

Phone

☐ Check here if phone number **can** be provided to respondent(s)

Nature of claim (Check all that apply)

☐ Money due on account

☐ Money lent

☐ Security deposit

☐ Rent

☐ Damage to real property

☐ Damage to personal property

☐ Faulty repair work

☐ Dishonored check

☐ Wages/Salary/Commission

☐ Damage to motor vehicle

☐ Personal injury

☐ Faulty goods or service

☐ Tax/Utilities

☐ Fraud/Misrepresentation

☐ Other

Claimant's Statement: *NOTE: a copy of this statement may be provided to the respondent(s), in whole or in summary*

Mediation is a way to resolve dispute outside of a court hearing. The mediation helps parties talk about their dispute and come to a mutual agreement within the presence of an unbiased third party. Mediation is private and can document an agreement to resolve a dispute.

Please fill out this form and return to tfinley@gallipoliscity.com or in person at the Gallipolis Municipal Court.