



The Sedona Conference Cooperation Proclamation: Resources for the Judiciary, Third Edition (June 2020)

The Sedona Conference Cooperation Proclamation: Resources for the Judiciary, Third Edition (“*Judicial Resources*”) provides state and federal trial judges with a comprehensive but easy-to-follow guide to eDiscovery case management, based on the precepts of *The Sedona Conference Cooperation Proclamation*.

This Third Edition is the first revision to the *Judicial Resources* since 2014 and reflects amendments to state and federal eDiscovery Rules, developments in case law, and advances in technology. It articulates a clear judicial philosophy of case management and resolution of discovery disputes and describes a framework by which federal and state judges can address and resolve discovery issues that might arise in every stage of civil litigation.

The *Judicial Resources* addresses different styles of judicial management of electronically stored information (ESI) but suggests that active case management might be the most efficient means to resolve ESI-related disputes, assuming that the court has the means to do so. It also recognizes that not all civil actions are equal in the resources of the parties, the sophistication of counsel, or the actual amount in issue, so it encourages proportionality.

The *Judicial Resources* is structured around 20 stages of civil litigation when judicial management – either proactively or in response to a request of the parties – is most appropriate or desirable.

For each stage, the *Judicial Resources*:

- Identifies key issues that a judge is likely to face at each stage of litigation;
- Suggests strategies for case management or dispute resolution that encourage the parties, when possible, to reach a cooperative resolution at each stage;
- Provides exemplar court decisions or orders; and
- Recommends further readings on the issues presented at each stage that have been published by The Sedona Conference or are peer-reviewed.

The *Judicial Resources* is an ongoing project, edited by and for state and federal judges. Comments and suggestions are encouraged and can be submitted to resources@sedonaconference.org.



The full text of *The Sedona Conference Cooperation Proclamation: Resources for the Judiciary, Third Edition* is available for free individual download from The Sedona Conference website at https://thesedonaconference.org/publication/Resources_for_the_Judiciary.

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