

## MINNESOTA JUDICIAL BRANCH POLICY

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**Title:** Early Case Management and Early Neutral Evaluation Best Practices for

Family Court

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## I. POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the Minnesota Judicial Branch to support and encourage Early Case Management (ECM) and Early Neutral Evaluation (ENE), which are effective problem-solving approaches to assist parties in reaching resolution of family court cases before significant financial and emotional resources are expended on litigation.

## II. IMPLEMENTATION AUTHORITY

Implementation and operation of ECM-ENE programs and procedures will be governed by statewide ECM-ENE best practices. Implementation of this policy shall be the responsibility of the State Court Administrator and the chief judges of the judicial districts.

## III. EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS

None