



Minnesota Judicial Branch Policy

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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) processes statewide, 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 and ENE processes and procedures will be governed by statewide ECM and ENE best practices and court rules. Implementation of this policy shall be the responsibility of the State Court Administrator and the chief judges.

III. EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS

None.