

Conciliation Defined



What is Conciliation?

A triage process in which a neutral facilitates an informal and brief session to diagnose and address problems preventing parties from resolving their case. The Conciliator uses strategies to overcome barriers to resolution.

A conciliator is a neutral third party who takes more of an evaluative role compared to a mediator; they provide information and analyze the strengths and weaknesses of each party's case.



Role of a Conciliator?

- Will describe what normally happens in court.
 - Will discuss ideas and options to reach settlement.
 - Will assist parties in discussing issues.
 - Will assess the strengths and weaknesses of the case with both parties.
 - Will provide normative information.
 - Will share information and limits about the court process.
- Conciliators are not advocates for one side, are not fact-finders, and do not provide legal advice.