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## TENTH DISTRICT COURT OF APPEALS OFFERING PRE-NOTICE-OF-APPEAL MEDIATION SERVICES

The Ohio Tenth District Court of Appeals continues to serve the people of Franklin County during this COVID-19 public health emergency.

The judges are continuing to consider and decide cases, and the judges are available to address cases requiring immediate attention.

Furthermore, as a result of the circumstances created by the COVID-19 public health emergency, the Tenth District Court of Appeals now provides mediation services prior to the filing of a notice of appeal in select civil cases that have been finally decided by the trial court.

The Court has mediated civil cases on appeal since 1989, and now is expanding that offering to some cases in advance of the filing of a notice of appeal. The service is available immediately for cases deemed appropriate after *all parties acting together by agreement* have requested it. This service is offered in addition to existing Post-Notice-of-Appeal mediation services pursuant to the Court's Local Rule 5. Mediation will be conducted by telephone or teleconference.

Please see the Mediation page of the Tenth District Court of Appeals' website (www.tenthdistrictcourt.org) for further information and instructions.

## **Warning:**

Please note: Nothing in the Court's Pre-Notice-of-Appeal mediation service waives or affects any requirement concerning the timing of court filings, including requirements and deadlines for filing of a notice of appeal.

Please note: It remains the sole responsibility of each party to protect their right of appeal regardless of whether there is a pending request for a Pre-Notice-of-Appeal mediation, or whether such a mediation has been scheduled or conducted.

Please note: The selection of a civil case for a Pre-Notice-of-Appeal mediation before the filing of a notice of appeal is in no way a determination regarding appellate jurisdiction.