

Community Dispute Resolution Center

Fourth Quarter 2024



EVENTS

- ❖ **Foundations Mediation Training** will be January 13th through 17th, 2025. Visit our website for more information: [Training | Community Dispute Resolution Center of Missoula County](#)
- ❖ **Volunteer Appreciation Event:** January 15th, 2025; 5:30-830p; Iron Horse Brew Pub [501 N Higgins Ave, Missoula, MT 59802](#)

JUSTICE COURT MEDIATION STATISTICS (2019-2023)

These statistics cover CDRC mediations conducted between 2019-2023. Between 2019-2023, there were 358 cases mediated by the CDRC. 270, or about 75%, were possession lawsuits.

Case Types

- ❖ The non-possession case types were as follows:
- ❖ civil cases not otherwise specified (30)
- ❖ consumer contract disputes (24)
- ❖ debt collection (19)
- ❖ claims by tenants against a landlord (8)
- ❖ domestic disputes (3)
- ❖ disputes between businesses (3)
- ❖ insurance subrogation (1)

Statement Rates Generally

- ❖ 198 of the 358 cases resulted in an initial settlement, for an initial settlement rate of 55%. Of those 198 cases resulting in an initial settlement, 142 remained settled and required no further judicial intervention, while in 56 cases a party alleged a breach of the mediated agreement. This represents an ultimate settlement rate of 39.6%.

Remote/Zoom Mediations

- ❖ The CDRC conducted Zoom mediations since 2020. Between 2020-2023, there were 107 Zoom mediations. Of those 107, 53 reached an initial settlement, for an initial settlement rate of 49.5%. Of those 53, 32 cases remained settled and required no further judicial intervention, while in 21 cases a party alleged a breach of the mediated agreement, for an ultimate settlement rate of 29.9%.

REMINDERS

- ❖ Needing help finding our standard documents?
 - The link is here: [Justice Court Documents | website \(cdrcmissoula.org\)](#)
- ❖ Missing documentation for an upcoming mediation?
 - Please reach out to the **Lead Mediator** assigned to the case you have signed up for.
- ❖ Facilitating a Parenting Plan mediation?
 - Please be sure to confirm informed consent with participants prior to the start of the session *and* confirm documentation is on file.
- ❖ The board meets monthly, locations vary, if you have interest in attending or becoming part of the board, please reach out to Skip, Jody, or any of the board members.