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**SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK ADR PROGRAM ANNOUNCES PILOT PROGRAMS  
FOR FLSA AND § 1983 EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 3, 2016**

The United States District Court for the Southern District of New York announces two pilot programs effective October 3, 2016. Both programs are designed to promote the just, speedy, and inexpensive resolution of civil cases by providing litigants with automatic and expeditious disclosure of critical documents and requiring them to participate in mediation unless ordered otherwise.

1. Cases filed under the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. § 201 et seq., assigned to District Judges Abrams, Briccetti, Carter, Daniels, Ramos, Seibel, and Woods will, once the defendant appears, be ordered directly to mediation with limited pre-mediation disclosures.
2. Cases against police officers filed in White Plains under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 will automatically participate in a protocol requiring limited pre-mediation disclosures and referral to mediation once the Answer is filed. This pilot replicates the automatic referral program for section 1983 cases in Manhattan under Local Civil Rule 83.10.

More information about both pilot programs, and the Mediation Program Procedures, will be available at <http://www.nysd.uscourts.gov/mediation>. Questions or comments about either protocol can be directed to the Court's ADR Program at 212-805-0643 or [MediationOffice@nysd.uscourts.gov](mailto:MediationOffice@nysd.uscourts.gov).