



## ***Case Evaluation***

Confidential Case Evaluation permits a party and/or their lawyers to present a summary of their case for neutral review by an experienced lawyer or former judge. The evaluation includes an assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of issues and a non-binding opinion of the likely outcome, if adjudicated. Settlement often occurs after case evaluation, with significant savings in legal costs to both parties.

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### **Steps**

- \* A conflict arises involving some aspect of real estate
- \* Litigation, mediation, or arbitration are considered
- \* One party desires a confidential evaluation of their case before proceeding
- \* Party selects a case evaluator from REBA/DR's panel of neutrals
  - submits documents to be evaluated to REBA/DR plus fees
- \* The case evaluator reviews the documents, assessing the strengths and weaknesses of the party's case
- \* The case evaluator meets with the party and/or counsel to discuss merits of the case
- \* Case evaluation process usually takes between 1 - 3 hours
- \* The case evaluator offers an opinion regarding likely outcome if adjudicated
- \* The party makes an educated and informed decision on how to proceed based upon REBA/DR's case evaluation.