



After-Hours Settlement Program

You are mid-trial. The jury panel presents risk. Key evidentiary rulings have shifted your exposure profile. Witness performance has been uneven. The court has signaled its settlement posture.

Now what?

Stabilize risk before verdict.

Engage the **After-Hours Settlement Program** at **Saviñón Mediation & Arbitration Services**.

Program Overview

The **After-Hours Settlement Program** is designed to provide litigants with a structured opportunity to pursue settlement **outside standard business hours** when traditional negotiation opportunities have been exhausted, trial dynamics shift, or parties seek to avoid the uncertainties and costs associated with proceeding to verdict.

Under this program, parties can immediately schedule a **two-hour flat fee mediation session** with an independent third-party neutral experienced in high-stakes dispute resolution. These sessions are intended to deliver a **fresh, objective evaluation** of the case and create a final structured environment for confidential settlement discussions before judgement or further litigation steps.

Program Features

- **Flexible Scheduling Outside Core Hours:** Mediations occur outside normal business hours, including early evening (e.g., 5:30–7:30 p.m. or 6:00–8:00 p.m.) or as otherwise agreed to by the mediator and participating parties.
- **Remote Participation Options:** Sessions may be conducted **in-person** or virtually via Zoom to maximize access and convenience.
- **Rapid Scheduling** (including same-day, subject to availability)

Eligible Case Types

Eligible matters include, but are not limited to **civil litigation matters** where active settlement negotiations are ongoing or where trial developments alter risk calculus.

Personal injury cases are suitable for this program.

When the landscape changes, recalibrate before the verdict does.



Fee Structure

- **Flat Fee Rate:** A base flat fee of **\$795 per party** for a two-hour mediation session.
- **Extended Time:** Should parties jointly agree to continue beyond the scheduled two-hour session, additional time with the neutral will be billed at the neutral's standard hourly rate, split equally among the parties unless otherwise agreed in writing.

Process Parameters

- **Pre-Session Submissions:** Parties are generally asked to provide a **concise summary submission** (e.g., no more than 10 pages) outlining key issues, recent developments, and settlement positions in advance of the session.
- **Session Duration:** Mediator engagements are primarily **two hours** in duration unless otherwise stipulated by the parties.

Program Benefits

1. **Risk Management:** Provides counsel and clients an additional structured opportunity to resolve disputes prior to judicial determinations or verdict risk.
2. **Fresh Perspective:** A seasoned neutral adds an objective view on liability, proof issues, and damages which can refocus negotiations.
3. **Leverage Through Mediation:** The neutral can communicate difficult risk assessments directly, aiding counsel in client decision-making.
4. **Exposure Control:** Enables parties to explore settlement frameworks that may limit exposure relative to continued litigation.
5. **Scheduling Flexibility:** Evening or remote sessions reduce disruption to trial calendars and professional obligations.
6. **Cost Efficiency:** Short, targeted sessions with shared costs can provide significant settlement value with minimal incremental fee exposure.