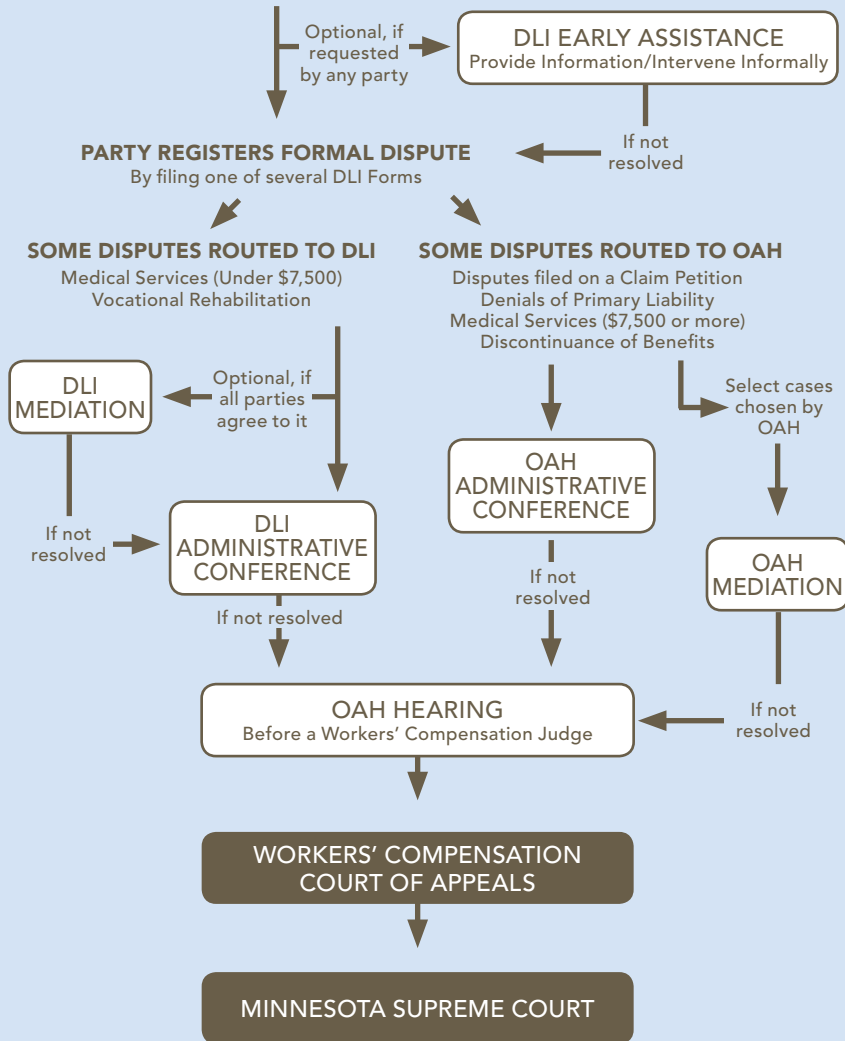


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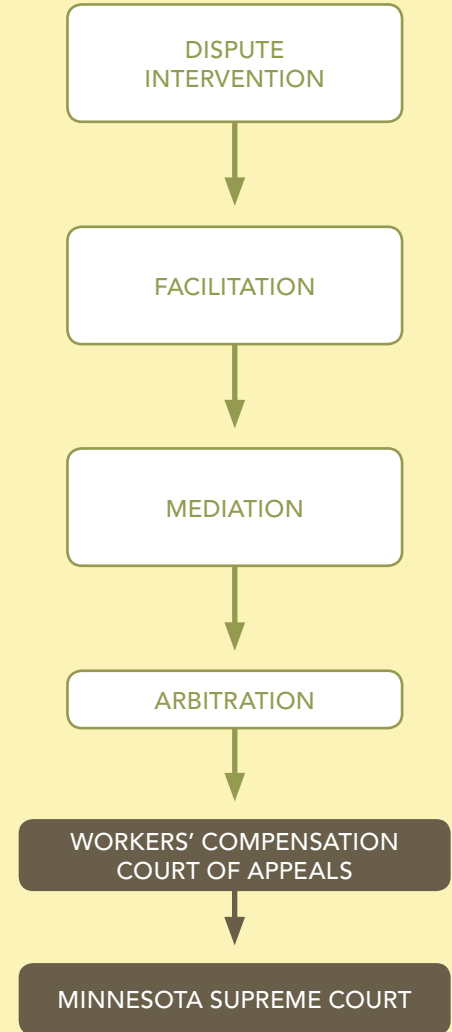
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*NOTES: DLI is the Department of Labor and Industry. OAH is the Office of Administrative Hearings. Disputes may be settled by agreement of the parties (with or without mediation) at any time. If DLI or OAH administrative conferences do not result in mutual agreement, the presiding official will render a decision on the case; disputed decisions go to an OAH hearing. Multiple disputes associated with a single claim may be consolidated at one agency. Also, DLI may refer some complex cases in its jurisdiction to OAH. For simplicity, we refer to several types of OAH proceedings as "administrative conferences." These include settlement conferences for disputes filed on claim petitions, administrative conferences for discontinuance disputes, and medical and rehabilitation conferences.

SOURCE: Office of the Legislative Auditor, analysis of Minnesota's dispute resolution system for workers' compensation. The full evaluation report can be found on our website www.ucwcp.com.