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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

STANDING ORDER RE:
RESOLVE LAW LA MANDATORY
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE PROGRAM
FOR PERSONAL INJURY AND
EMPLOYMENT CASES

STANDING ORDER
(Effective March 18, 2024)

Effective March 18, 2024, the Los Angeles Superior Court expanded the program for the resolution of employment and personal injury cases to accept referrals from all civil Independent Calendar (IC) courtrooms in Los Angeles County. Pursuant to the Code of Civil Procedure, the California Rules of Court, and the Los Angeles Superior Court Local Rules, the Court hereby amends and supersedes the JUNE 21, 2021, SIXTH AMENDED STANDING ORDER RE: MANDATORY SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE IN RE PERSONAL INJURY CASES ASSIGNED TO PERSONAL INJURY COURTROOMS AT THE SPRING STREET COURTHOUSE and the JULY 5, 2022, SECOND AMENDED STANDING ORDER RE: EMPLOYMENT CASE EARLY RESOLUTION MANDATORY SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE PILOT PROGRAM, and the Court hereby issues this standing order related to mandatory settlement conferences for personal injury and employment cases.

Mandatory Settlement Conferences (MSC) through Resolve Law LA are available solely by Court order from any IC courtroom in Los Angeles County. Resolve Law LA is a joint effort of the Court, Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles, Association of Southern California Defense Counsel, Los Angeles Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates and the Beverly Hills Bar

1 Foundation, with assistance from the Labor and Employment Section of the Los Angeles County Bar
2 Association and California Employment Lawyers Association.

3 Once the Court has ordered the parties to participate in an MSC through Resolve Law LA,
4 plaintiff must access the Resolve Law LA system (www.ResolveLawLA.com) to create an account and
5 register the case for MSC within two (2) court days of the Court's Order assigning the case to the MSC.
6 Plaintiff or plaintiff's counsel must coordinate with defendant or defendant's counsel and select a
7 mutually agreed upon date and time for the MSC. Plaintiff or plaintiff's counsel shall also provide the
8 name, email address, and phone number for defendant or defendant's counsel when registering the case
9 for an MSC. Once the defendant or defendant's counsel is notified that the matter has been scheduled
10 for a remote MSC, the defendant or defendant's counsel shall create their own login to the Resolve Law
11 LA system and shall list all parties, party representatives and insurance adjusters' names, phone
12 numbers, and emails where indicated. The Resolve Law LA system will send confirmations via text
13 and/or email and will include a Zoom link for counsel, the parties, and insurance representatives to join
14 the remote MSC. In the event the MSC needs to be canceled, it must be canceled through the Resolve
15 Law LA system.

16 MSCs shall be conducted by two volunteer attorneys, each with at least ten years' experience in
17 the law governing the case (one from the plaintiff's side and one from the defense side) and be overseen
18 by the Court.

19 A MSC statement shall be lodged by each party in the Resolve Law LA system and served on all
20 parties not less than five (5) court days before the scheduled MSC unless otherwise ordered by the
21 individual IC Court. The settlement conference statement shall be limited to five (5) pages for the MSC
22 brief and ten (10) pages for exhibits. Resolve Law LA MSCs are available at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
23 Monday through Friday, excluding court holidays, and are conducted remotely via Zoom.

24 Pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 3.1380(b), Los Angeles County Court Rules, rule
25 3.25(d), trial counsel, the parties, and persons with full authority to settle the case (including insurance
26 company representatives) must attend remotely unless a judicial officer has excused the virtual
27 appearance for good cause.


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1 If the case settles prior to the scheduled MSC, Plaintiff's counsel shall immediately file a Notice
2 of Settlement in the courtroom to which the case is assigned.

3 Effective immediately, this Standing Order is to remain in effect until otherwise ordered.

4 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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6 DATED: March 25, 2024



HON. MICHELLE WILLIAMS COURT
Supervising Judge, Civil Division

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