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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
 FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Cheri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk  
 By [Signature] Deputy  
 Lorena Albino

STANDING ORDER RE: ) SECOND AMENDED STANDING ORDER  
 EMPLOYMENT CASE EARLY ) (Effective July 5, 2022)  
 RESOLUTION MANDATORY )  
 SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE )  
 PILOT PROGRAM )

Effective July 5, 2022, the Court is expanding the pilot program for the early resolution of employment cases to include all civil Independent Calendar (IC) courts in the Stanley Mosk Courthouse. Under this program, judges can assign eligible cases to an early mandatory settlement conference (MSC) to be conducted virtually through the Resolve Law LA (RLLA) platform: [www.ResolveLawLA.com](http://www.ResolveLawLA.com). Eligible cases are those that have recently been filed and are conducive to resolution prior to expensive and lengthy proceedings, including but not limited to matters involving small businesses and/or where counsel agree the cost of litigation would make the case more difficult to resolve.

The settlement conferences are conducted by two volunteer attorneys, each with at least ten years' experience in employment law (one from the plaintiff's side and one from the defense) and are overseen by the Court. 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 Foundation, with assistance from the Labor and Employment Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association and California Employment Lawyers Association.

Mandatory Settlement Conferences through Resolve Law LA are available solely by Court order at the initial Case Management Conference (or later Status Conference), or specially scheduled eligibility conference.

Once the Court has ordered the case to participate in an MSC through Resolve Law LA, Plaintiff must access the website at [www.ResolveLawLA.com](http://www.ResolveLawLA.com) to create an account and register the case for MSC

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

11 A mandatory settlement conference statement shall be lodged by each party at  
12 www.ResolveLawLA.com and served on all parties not less than five (5) court days before the scheduled  
13 MSC unless otherwise ordered by the individual IC Court. The settlement conference statement shall  
14 be limited to five (5) pages on the MSC Brief and ten (10) pages for exhibits. Resolve Law LA MSCs  
15 are available at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding court holidays, and are  
16 conducted remotely via Zoom.

17 Pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 3.1380(b) and Superior Court, Los Angeles County,  
18 Local Rules, rule 3.25(d), trial counsel, the parties, and persons with full authority to settle the case  
19 (including insurance company representatives) must attend remotely unless a judge has excused the  
20 virtual appearance for good cause.

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

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

24 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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26 DATED: June 29, 2022

  
HON. DAVID J. COWAN  
Supervising Judge of Civil