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

STANDING ORDER RE:)	FIRST AMENDED STANDING ORDER
EMPLOYMENT CASE EARLY)	(Effective April 1, 2022)
RESOLUTION MANDATORY)	
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE)	
PILOT PROGRAM)	

Effective April 1, 2022, the Court is expanding the pilot program for the early resolution of employment cases to include five additional courtrooms at the Stanley Mosk Courthouse and one courtroom at the Alhambra courthouse. Departments 26 (Judge Elaine Lu), 36 (Judge Wendy Chang), 56 (Judge Holly J. Fujie), 57 (Judge Steven J. Kleifield) and 73 (Judge Timothy Dillon) all at the Stanley Mosk courthouse and Alhambra's Department 3 (Judge Colin Leis) will join the five existing courtrooms at the Stanley Mosk Courthouse: Departments 24 (Judge Kristin S. Escalante), 40 (Judge David Sotelo), 47 (Judge Theresa M. Traber), 48 (Judge Laura A. Seigle) and 71 (Judge Monica Bachner). Under this new 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. 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

1 Lawyers Association.

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

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

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

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

5 DATED: March 30, 2022



6 HON. DAVID J. COWAN
7 Supervising Judge of Civil

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