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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**June 29, 2021**

### **VIRTUAL MANDATORY SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE PROGRAM FOR CASES IN THE PERSONAL INJURY HUB**

**Effective June 28, 2021**, for specific Personal Injury cases heard in Departments 27, 28, 29, 31, and 32 at the Spring Street Courthouse, 312 N Spring Street, Los Angeles, the Court will order select cases to a virtual Mandatory Settlement Conference (MSC) pursuant to [California Rule of Court Rule 3.1380](#) as follows:

- MSCs will be held after the Final Status Conference (FSC) and before the trial date.
- MSCs will be scheduled with ResolveLawLA.
- MSCs will be held virtually via [www.resolvelawla.com](http://www.resolvelawla.com) (see [News Release issued June 21, 2021](#) for details and registration information).

On the date of the MSC, a judge will be available to assist the parties virtually if needed.

The virtual MSCs scheduled with ResolveLawLA will be held with volunteer settlement attorneys/officers from the following organizations:

- American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA)
- Association of Southern California Defense Counsel (ASCDC)
- Beverly Hills Bar Foundation (BHBF)
- Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles (CAALA)

A standing order implementing the program is attached.

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JUN 23 2021

Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk  
By [Signature] Deputy  
Lorana Albino

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

IN RE PERSONAL INJURY CASES ) SIXTH AMENDED STANDING ORDER  
ASSIGNED TO PERSONAL INJURY ) RE: MANDATORY SETTLEMENT  
COURTROOMS AT THE SPRING STREET ) CONFERENCE  
COURTHOUSE ) (Effective June 21, 2021)  
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TO EACH PARTY AND TO THE ATTORNEY OF RECORD FOR EACH PARTY:

Pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure, the California Rules of Court and the Los Angeles Court Rules, the Los Angeles Superior Court (Court) HEREBY AMENDS AND SUPERSEDES THE FEBRUARY 24, 2020 FIFTH AMENDED STANDING ORDER, AND THE COURT HEREBY ISSUES THE FOLLOWING SIXTH AMENDED STANDING ORDER:

The Court orders the parties to participate in a virtual Mandatory Settlement Conference (MSC) supervised by a judge and staffed by volunteer attorneys who have significant experience in handling these types of cases and are members of the American Board of Trial Advocates, the Association of Southern California Defense Counsel, the Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles, and or the Beverly Hills Bar Association, and have continuing professional interest as officers of the court in its successful operation.

1. Plaintiff's counsel shall within two (2) court days of the Court's Order of an MSC access the ResolveLawLA website at [www.resolveawla.com](http://www.resolveawla.com) to create an account and register the case for MSC. Plaintiff's counsel must coordinate with defense counsel and select a mutually agreed upon date and time for the MSC prior to the trial date. Plaintiff's counsel shall also provide the name, email address, and phone number for defense counsel when registering the case for an MSC.

- 1 2. A mandatory settlement conference statement shall be lodged by each party with the  
 2 ResolveLawLA website and served on all parties not less than five (5) court days before the  
 3 scheduled MSC. The settlement conference statement shall be limited to five (5) pages on  
 4 the MSC Brief and ten (10) pages for exhibits. ResolveLawLA MSCs are available at 9 a.m.  
 5 and 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding court holidays, and are conducted via  
 6 Zoom.
- 7 3. Pursuant to California Rules of Court, Rule 3.1380(b) and Los Angeles Superior Court Rule  
 8 3.25(d), trial counsel, the parties and persons with full authority to settle the case (including  
 9 insurance company representatives) must attend virtually via the website unless a judge has  
 10 excused the virtual appearance for good cause. Once defense counsel is notified that the  
 11 matter has been scheduled for a remote MSC, defense counsel shall create their own login to  
 12 the resolvelawla.com system, and shall list all parties, party representatives and insurance  
 13 adjusters' names, phone numbers, and emails where indicated. In the event the MSC needs  
 14 to be canceled, it must be canceled through the ResolveLawLA system.
- 15 4. If the case settles prior to the scheduled MSC, Plaintiff's counsel shall forthwith notify the  
 16 courtroom to which the case is assigned of such settlement. The parties should also document  
 17 their settlement agreement in a writing signed by all parties. Upon receiving notification,  
 18 the ResolveLawLA system will send notifications via text and/or email and will include a  
 19 Zoom link for counsel, the parties, and insurance representatives to join the remote MSC.
- 20 5. The Court has the discretion to require any party and/or counsel who fails or refuses to  
 21 comply with this order, to show cause why the Court should not impose monetary sanctions.

22 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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 24 Dated: 6/23/21



Judge David J. Cowan  
 Supervising Judge, Civil Division