



The Superior Court

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

CHAMBERS OF

REX HEESEMAN, JUDGE

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RE: "Mediating the Litigated Case"

Dear Attorney:

I hope you will consider something which I believe will benefit you and the litigants in the Los Angeles Superior Court. With the current budget crisis, the average length of time to disposition will increase, perhaps meaningfully. To address these and other challenges, the Court has a mediation program that has been quite successful, resolving over 65% of the cases that are completed.


We would like to enhance the Court ADR program's bilingual and bi-cultural capability. Toward that end, the Court ADR Program received a grant to develop a mediation training program for attorneys. The training will be provided by Pepperdine University, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution.

The training will be held at the Pasadena Courthouse, 300 E. Walnut, Pasadena, CA 91101, on June 3, 4, 24 and 25 from Noon to 5:00 PM. The tuition is paid for with grant funds and in exchange for the participants' agreement to complete the mediation of ten civil cases over the following year through the Court's program. Mediators participating in the Court's program perform three hours of mediation in each case on a pro bono basis. Participants must attend all four ½ day sessions of the training and will receive twenty MLCE credits, including three in ethics and one in elimination of bias.

The training program is focused exclusively on civil cases that will be tried in the Superior Court if not settled. Feedback from attorneys who have taken the course indicates that their ability to resolved cases is enhanced.

I hope you will join us for this important training and service opportunity. For more information or to register, please contact Julie L. Bronson, the Court's ADR Administrator, at 213/974-0558 or e-mail Central-ADR@lasuperiorcourt.org.

Sincerely,


Hon. Rex Heeseman, Chair ADR Committee
Los Angeles Superior Court

C: Julie L. Bronson, ADR Administrator