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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.resolvelawla.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