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5th ANNUAL CIVIL SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE WEEK OCTOBER 28-NOVEMBER 1, 2019

SAN BERNARDINO, CA— The San Bernardino County Superior Court will host its 5th Annual Civil Settlement Conference Week starting on Monday, October 28 through Friday, November 1, 2019.

Civil Settlement Conference Week seeks to assist litigants in resolving their civil cases without going to trial. In partnership with volunteer attorneys from throughout the county, the Court will schedule settlement conferences during this week-long event. Settlement conferences are an excellent alternative to trial that allows all parties to reach a mutually beneficial resolution.

Any party of a pending personal injury civil litigation interested in participating, that has not yet received a notice of a settlement conference date, should contact the Civil Clerk's Office at (909) 708-8678 as soon as possible.

To be fully prepared to participate in Settlement Conference Week, all parties must adhere to the following requirements upon receiving a Notice of Hearing:

- Briefs <u>must</u> be submitted five (5) days prior to each scheduled settlement conference and <u>must</u> be filed in Department S-28;
- All persons with settlement authority <u>must</u> be present (i.e., plaintiff, trial counsel, insurance company representatives, etc.);
- All discovery <u>must</u> be completed prior to settlement conference (with the exception of expert depositions); and
- At least one party to the action <u>must</u> be represented by counsel in order to participate.

Please visit <u>www.sb-court.org</u> to review Local Rules of Court, Chapter 6, Rules 601-621 for a complete list of requirements.

For more information or questions, please contact the Civil Clerk's Office at (909)708-8678.

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