

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO 247 West Third Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor San Bernardino, Ca 92415-0302 www.sb-court.org

909-708-8747

Raymond L. Haight III Presiding Judge

Nancy CS Eberhardt Court Executive Officer

## **NEWS RELEASE**

Release Date: April 17, 2017

## Civil Settlement Conference Week October 23 – 27, 2017

SAN BERNARDINO—The Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino will host a Civil Settlement Conference Week, during from Monday, October 23, 2017 through Friday, October 27, 2017.

The Civil Settlement Conference Week seeks to assist litigants in resolving their civil cases prior to trial. In partnership with volunteer attorneys from throughout the County, the Court will set settlement conferences during this week-long event. Settlement conferences are an excellent alternative to trial and allow all parties to reach a mutually beneficial resolution.

<u>Please take further notice</u>, that if any party to a pending civil action is interested in participating and has not yet received notice of a settlement conference date they should contact the Court's Civil Clerk's Office at (909) 708-8678 as soon as possible to make arrangements to schedule a conference during this week.

All parties are advised of the following requirements in order to fully prepare for the Settlement Conference. Upon receiving your 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 the department;
- 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; and
- At least one party to the action <u>must</u> be represented by counsel in order to participate.

Please refer to our court's web's page (<a href="www.sb-court.org">www.sb-court.org</a>) to view SBSC Local Rules of Court Chapter 6, Rules 601- 621 for a complete list of requirements.

For questions and additional information regarding Civil Settlement Conference Week please contact at 909-521-3414