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SOLANO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) INFORMATION

The judges of the Civil Division agree that parties should consider using Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) to settle their cases. To tell the court you will use ADR:

- Choose ADR on the Case Management Statement (CM-110) or
- File a Stipulation and Order - ADR or
- Agree to ADR at your first court appearance

Questions? Call (707) 207-7413 or go to www.solano.courts.ca.gov/adr

The following information about the ADR Programs available at the Solano Court is provided in addition to the information in the “Civil Mediation” brochure:

Pro Bono Mediation Program:

The Pro Bono Mediation panelists are the same mediators on the listing of mediators who provide their services without cost when ordered by the judge.

Request Pro Bono Mediation by entering the program name on the Case Management Statement or on the Stipulation and Order – ADR (Alternative Dispute Resolution). Attach a declaration to the Stipulation and Order – ADR describing why mediation services should be provided without costs to the parties.

Private Mediation and Arbitration:

Parties may select a mediator or arbitrator of their choice including someone not on the listings maintained by the court. If a private mediator, arbitrator or evaluator is selected who is not on the court maintained listing, your selection must be approved by the court.

Fees:

The court requires the fees for ADR to be split equally by the parties at the rate set by the mediator/arbitrator/evaluator unless otherwise ordered by the court. Fees are usually charged on an hourly basis. The court offers “no fee” mediation to parties who cannot afford to pay for mediation. A party may request “no fee mediation” at the Case Management Conference or by filing a “Stipulation and Order – Alternative Dispute Resolution” and attaching a declaration stating why mediation services should be provided at no cost to the parties.