

Mediation is conducted as a two-phase process. Counsel for the parties will attend a pre-mediation session with the Program Mediator during which certain deadlines and a mediation schedule will be set. Parties will also be expected to complete a Mediation Confidentiality Agreement. The pre-mediation session may be conducted remotely.

The mediation session (usually 3 hours) will take place on the mutually agreed-upon date. Remote appearances are **NOT** authorized for mediation sessions and must be conducted in person at the Kings County Superior Court, 1640 Kings County Drive in Hanford, California.

During the pendency of the mediation or in the event no resolution could be reached, the parties will be required to complete and submit to the court as a confidential document a Mediation Status Report (included in this packet and on the court's website) to inform the court of the status and progress of the parties' mediation efforts.

Reaching an Agreement

Agreements reached through the Civil Mediation Program can be put into writing and will become enforceable once adopted and ratified by the court. Alternatively, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 664.6, the parties may place their agreement on the record immediately following mediation, with the Mediator (a temporary assigned judge) acting in the capacity of a judicial officer. Parties may choose to seek the advice of their counsel as to their legal rights and other matters relating to the dispute before finalizing any agreement.

Private Mediation

Ineligible litigants, including those who are required to attend mediation under Local Rule 209 but where the demand exceeds \$500,000, unrepresented parties, or those parties who otherwise voluntarily elect to pursue a resolution through mediation, may consult the court's fee-based Mediator Referral List, which can be found on the court's website at www.kings.courts.ca.gov.

For further information, please contact the Civil Mediation Program Administrator Hope Hernandez at hhernandez@kings.courts.ca.gov .

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (<i>Name, state bar number, and address</i>):	FOR COURT USE ONLY
TELEPHONE NO: _____ FAX NO: _____ ATTORNEY FOR (<i>Name</i>): _____	
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA • COUNTY OF KINGS 1640 Kings County Drive Hanford, California 93230 (559) 582- 1010	
PLAINTIFF/PETITIONER: _____ DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT: _____	
STIPULATION REGARDING MEDIATION	CASE NUMBER: _____

The parties stipulate that they will engage in the Mediation process:

_____ has been selected as the mediator

The parties acknowledge that they shall engage in mediation. The mediation must be completed prior to the Mandatory Settlement Conference. Unless excused but the Court upon a timely showing of good cause by written declaration, failure to complete mediation may result in the cancellation of a Mandatory Settlement Conference.

Parties will be required to file a Mediation Status Report at least 10 days prior to the Mandatory Settlement Conference. Failure to do so may result in an Order to Show Cause (OSC) hearing set by the court.

_____ Date	_____ Type or Print Name	<u>/S/</u> _____ Signature of Party or Attorney for Party
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Additional signatures on Stipulation Regarding Attachment

Case Number:

Check the closest estimated number of court days you saved in motions, hearings, conferences, trials, etc. as a direct result of this case being referred to this mediation process:

0 Days 1 Day More than 1 day (specify) _____

If the mediation process caused an increase in court time for this case, please check the estimated number of additional court days:

0 Days 1 Day More than 1 day (specify) _____

I would be willing to use the Mediation process again:

Yes No

Please provide any additional comments below regarding your experience with the process: