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Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk of Court  
By: Judi Lara, Deputy

**NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:** REDMOND JAMES O'NEAL, an  
**(AVISO AL DEMANDADO):** individual; and DOES 1 through  
50, inclusive

**YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:** KENNETH PAUL FOX, an  
**(LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):** individual; and  
JOSEPH AMARILLAS VILLARBA, an individual

**NOTICE!** You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. **NOTE:** The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. **¡AVISO!** Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. **AVISO:** Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is:

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Los Angeles Superior Court  
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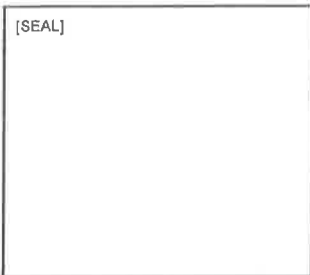
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(Para prueba de entrega de esta citación use el formulario Proof of Service of Summons, (POS-010)).

**NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED:** You are served

- as an individual defendant.
- as the person sued under the fictitious name of (specify):
- on behalf of (specify):  
under:  CCP 416.10 (corporation)  CCP 416.60 (minor)  
 CCP 416.20 (defunct corporation)  CCP 416.70 (conservatee)  
 CCP 416.40 (association or partnership)  CCP 416.90 (authorized person)  
 other (specify):
- by personal delivery on (date):



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14 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
15 **FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CENTRAL DISTRICT**

16 KENNETH PAUL FOX, an individual; and  
17 JOSEPH AMARILLAS VILLARBA, an  
18 individual,

19 Plaintiffs,

20 vs.

21 REDMOND JAMES O'NEAL, an individual;  
22 and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive,

23 Defendants.

CASE NO.:

SEP 06 2018

BC 7 20 884

**COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES AND  
DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

1. ASSAULT & BATTERY
2. INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS
3. VIOLATION OF THE RALPH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT
4. NEGLIGENCE
5. LOSS OF CONSORTIUM / NEGLIGENT INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS

24 COME NOW Plaintiffs Kenneth Paul Fox, an individual, and Joseph Amarillas Villarba,  
25 an individual, for causes of action against Defendant Redmond James O'Neal, an individual, and  
26 Does 1 through 50, and allege as follows:  
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1 **PARTIES AND VENUE**

2 1. Plaintiff Kenneth Paul Fox is, and at all times herein mentioned was, an individual  
3 residing in Los Angeles County in the State of California.

4 2. Plaintiff Joseph Amarillas Villarba is, and at all times herein mentioned was, an  
5 individual residing in Los Angeles County in the State of California.

6 3. Plaintiffs Fox and Villarba are registered domestic partners in the State of  
7 California.

8 4. Defendant Redmond James O'Neal is, and at all times herein mentioned was, an  
9 individual residing in Los Angeles County in the State of California.

10 5. The true names and/or capacities, whether individual, corporate, associate, or  
11 otherwise of the defendants identified as Does 1 through 50, are unknown to the plaintiffs who  
12 therefore sue these defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that  
13 each defendant fictitiously named as a Doe is legally responsible, negligent, or in some other  
14 actionable manner liable for the events alleged in this Complaint. Plaintiffs will seek leave of  
15 Court to amend this Complaint to insert the true names and/or capacities of the fictitiously-named  
16 defendants when their identities have been ascertained.

17 6. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that at all relevant times, all of the defendants,  
18 were the agents, servants, employees, and /or joint venturers of all of the co-defendants and were  
19 acting within the course, scope, and authority of their agency, employment, and/or venture and that  
20 all defendants, when acting as a principal, were negligent in the selection and hiring of each and  
21 every other defendant as an agent, employee, and/or joint venturer.

22 7. The use of the terms "Defendant," "Defendants," or reference to a specifically  
23 named defendant in this Complaint shall mean all defendants, including Does 1 through 50.

1           8.     The incidents giving rise to this litigation occurred at or near 3365 Overland  
2 Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90034.

3           9.     This court is the proper venue for this action because the plaintiffs were injured  
4 within this jurisdiction and/or one or more of the defendants reside within this jurisdiction.  
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6                                   FACTS COMMON TO ALL CAUSES OF ACTION

7           10.    On or about May 2, 2018, Plaintiff Fox was walking between his residence and a  
8 local laundromat.

9           11.    While walking at or near 3365 Overland Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90034,  
10 Plaintiff Fox, who studied opera, was singing aloud "What's New?"  
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12           12.    Plaintiff Fox's sexual orientation is gay. Plaintiff Fox has a same-sex partner,  
13 Plaintiff Villarba. The plaintiffs were united in domestic partnership on or about January 27, 2015,  
14 in accord with *Family Code* § 297.

15           13.    As Plaintiff Fox was walking, Defendant O'Neal was walking toward Plaintiff Fox.  
16 The two individuals made eye contact.

17           14.    Defendant O'Neal then stated to Plaintiff Fox: "What are you looking at, faggot?"  
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19           15.    Defendant O'Neal then, unprovoked and without consent, intentionally and  
20 unlawfully struck Plaintiff Fox in the head with a bottle or other hard object, causing Plaintiff Fox  
21 to fall to the ground and suffer severe injuries, including a broken nose and injured right knee.

22           16.    While Plaintiff Fox was on the ground, Defendant O'Neal threatened, abused,  
23 harassed, and intimidated Plaintiff Fox including, without limitation, throwing additional punches  
24 and using expletives.

25           17.    After some time, Defendant O'Neal walked away from the scene, leaving Plaintiff  
26 Fox on the ground, injured and bleeding.  
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28           18.    At all relevant times, Plaintiff Fox was acting lawfully.

1           19.     The wrongful conduct of Defendant O'Neal was a substantial factor in causing the  
2 plaintiffs to sustain severe physical and emotional injuries, resulting in substantial past and future  
3 economic and non-economic damages.  
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5                                 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION – ASSAULT & BATTERY**  
6           **(By Plaintiff Fox Against Defendant O'Neal And DOES 1 through 50, inclusive)**

7           20.     By this reference, Plaintiff Fox incorporates all of the allegations in this Complaint  
8 into this cause of action.

9           21.     Defendants O'Neal and Does 1-50 threatened to touch Plaintiff Fox in a harmful  
10 and offensive manner and did in fact intend to cause harmful and offensive contact to Plaintiff  
11 Fox. A reasonable person in Plaintiff Fox's situation would have been offended by the conduct.  
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13           22.     Defendants O'Neal and Does 1-50 struck Plaintiff Fox with the intent to harm and  
14 offend him.

15           23.     Plaintiff Fox did not consent to the conduct of Defendants O'Neal and Does 1-50.

16           24.     Defendants O'Neal and Does 1-50's conduct was a substantial factor in causing  
17 Plaintiff Fox's harm.

18           25.     As a direct, proximate, and legal cause of the defendants' wrongful conduct, Plaintiff  
19 Fox suffered foreseeable past and future physical and emotional injuries and general, special, and  
20 incidental damages in an amount according to proof in excess of the jurisdictional requirements of  
21 this court. Such damages include, without limitation:  
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- 23                 a.     Past and future medical and healthcare expenses;
- 24                 b.     Past and future lost earnings and diminution of earning capacity;
- 25                 c.     Past and future household services;
- 26                 d.     Past and future incidental expenses; and
- 27                 e.     Past and future non-economic damages, including: physical pain, mental  
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1 suffering, loss of enjoyment of life, disfigurement, physical impairment, inconvenience, grief,  
2 anxiety, humiliation, and emotional distress.

3 26. Defendants O'Neal and Does 1-50 engaged in such conduct with malice and  
4 oppression thereby warranting an award of punitive damages pursuant to *Civil Code* § 3294,  
5 without limitation. More specifically, Defendants O'Neal and Does 1-50's conduct was so vile,  
6 base, despicable, and contemptible that it would be looked down on and despised by reasonable  
7 people. Further, Defendants O'Neal and Does 1-50 acted with an intent to cause injury and with a  
8 willful and knowing disregard of the rights and safety of Plaintiff Fox who was subject to cruel  
9 and unjust hardship in knowing disregard of his rights.

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12 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION – INTENTIONAL INFLICTION**  
13 **OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS**

14 (By Plaintiff Fox Against Defendant O'Neal And DOES 1 through 50, inclusive)

15 27. By this reference, Plaintiff Fox incorporates all of the allegations in this Complaint  
16 into this cause of action.

17 28. Defendants O'Neal and Does 1-50's conduct, set forth herein, was outrageous and  
18 intended to cause Plaintiff Fox emotional distress.

19 29. Further, Defendants O'Neal and Does 1-50 acted with reckless disregard of the  
20 probability that Plaintiff Fox would suffer emotional distress.

21 30. Plaintiff Fox suffered severe emotional distress.

22 31. Defendants O'Neal and Does 1-50's conduct was a substantial factor in causing  
23 Plaintiff Fox's harm.

24 32. As a direct, proximate, and legal cause of the defendants' wrongful conduct, Plaintiff  
25 Fox suffered foreseeable past and future physical and emotional injuries and general, special, and  
26 incidental damages in an amount according to proof in excess of the jurisdictional requirements of  
27 this court. Such damages include, without limitation:  
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- 1 a. Past and future medical and healthcare expenses;  
2 b. Past and future lost earnings and diminution of earning capacity;  
3 c. Past and future household services;  
4 d. Past and future incidental expenses; and  
5 e. Past and future non-economic damages, including: physical pain, mental  
6 suffering, loss of enjoyment of life, disfigurement, physical impairment, inconvenience, grief,  
7 anxiety, humiliation, and emotional distress.

9 33. Defendants O'Neal and Does 1-50 engaged in such conduct with malice and  
10 oppression thereby warranting an award of punitive damages pursuant to *Civil Code* § 3294,  
11 without limitation. More specifically, Defendants O'Neal and Does 1-50's conduct was so vile,  
12 base, despicable, and contemptible that it would be looked down on and despised by reasonable  
13 people. Further, Defendants O'Neal and Does 1-50 acted with an intent to cause injury and with a  
14 willful and knowing disregard of the rights and safety of Plaintiff Fox who was subject to cruel  
15 and unjust hardship in knowing disregard of his rights.

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18 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION - VIOLATION OF THE RALPH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT,**  
**CIVIL CODE § 51.7**

19 (By Plaintiff Fox Against Defendant O'Neal And DOES 1 through 50, inclusive)

20 34. By this reference, Plaintiff Fox incorporates all of the allegations in this Complaint  
21 into this cause of action.

22 35. *Civil Code* § 51.7 provides that all persons within the State of California have the  
23 right to be free from any violence, or intimidation by threat of violence, committed against his  
24 person on account of, without limitation, his sexual orientation.

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26 36. Defendants O'Neal and Does 1-50's conduct, set forth herein, included violent acts  
27 and the intentional threatening of violence against Plaintiff Fox.

1           37.    A substantial motivating reason for Defendants O'Neal and Does 1-50's conduct  
2 was Plaintiff Fox's sexual orientation and the defendants' perception of Plaintiff Fox's sexual  
3 orientation.

4           38.    Defendants O'Neal and Does 1-50's conduct was a substantial factor in causing  
5 Plaintiff Fox's harm.

6           39.    As a direct, proximate, and legal cause of the defendants' wrongful conduct, Plaintiff  
7 Fox suffered foreseeable past and future physical and emotional injuries and general, special, and  
8 incidental damages in an amount according to proof in excess of the jurisdictional requirements of  
9 this court. Such damages include, without limitation:

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- 11           a.    Past and future medical and healthcare expenses;
  - 12           b.    Past and future lost earnings and diminution of earning capacity;
  - 13           c.    Past and future household services;
  - 14           d.    Past and future incidental expenses; and
  - 15           e.    Past and future non-economic damages, including: physical pain, mental  
16 suffering, loss of enjoyment of life, disfigurement, physical impairment, inconvenience, grief,  
17 anxiety, humiliation, and emotional distress.

18           40.    Defendants O'Neal and Does 1-50 engaged in such conduct with malice and  
19 oppression thereby warranting an award of punitive damages pursuant to *Civil Code* § 3294,  
20 without limitation. More specifically, Defendants O'Neal and Does 1-50's conduct was so vile,  
21 base, despicable, and contemptible that it would be looked down on and despised by reasonable  
22 people. Further, Defendants O'Neal and Does 1-50 acted with an intent to cause injury and with a  
23 willful and knowing disregard of the rights and safety of Plaintiff Fox who was subject to cruel  
24 and unjust hardship in knowing disregard of his rights.



1 41. Defendants O'Neal and Does 1-50 further warrants damages to be awarded  
2 pursuant to *Civil Code* § 52, including punitive damages, a civil penalty, and reasonable attorney's  
3 fees.

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5 **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION – NEGLIGENCE**  
6 **(By Plaintiff Fox Against Defendant O'Neal And DOES 1 through 50, inclusive)**

7 42. By this reference, Plaintiff Fox incorporates all of the allegations in this Complaint  
8 into this cause of action.

9 43. At all relevant times, Defendant O'Neal and Does 1 through 50 owed a duty to act  
10 as reasonable, prudent persons and to not assault, batter, and/or harm Plaintiff Fox, and to  
11 otherwise abide by prevailing laws against violence and hate crimes.

12 44. As set forth in the conduct described above, Defendant O'Neal and Does 1 through  
13 50 negligently breached such duties owed to Plaintiff Fox when the defendants negligently and  
14 unlawfully threatened and intimidated the plaintiff with physical violence, struck the plaintiff, and  
15 engaged in discriminatory animus as evidenced, in part, by calling the plaintiff "a faggot," without  
16 limitation.

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18 45. The defendants' conduct constituted an extreme departure from what a reasonable  
19 careful person would do in the same situation and therefore constitutes gross negligence.

20 46. Defendants O'Neal and Does 1-50's conduct was a substantial factor in causing  
21 Plaintiff Fox's harm.

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23 47. As a direct, proximate, and legal cause of the defendants' wrongful conduct, Plaintiff  
24 Fox suffered foreseeable past and future physical and emotional injuries and general, special, and  
25 incidental damages in an amount according to proof in excess of the jurisdictional requirements of  
26 this court. Such damages include, without limitation:

- 27 a. Past and future medical and healthcare expenses;  
28 b. Past and future lost earnings and diminution of earning capacity;

1 c. Past and future household services;  
2 d. Past and future incidental expenses; and  
3 e. Past and future non-economic damages, including: physical pain, mental  
4 suffering, loss of enjoyment of life, disfigurement, physical impairment, inconvenience, grief,  
5 anxiety, humiliation, and emotional distress.  
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7 26. Defendants O'Neal and Does 1-50 engaged in such conduct with malice and  
8 oppression thereby warranting an award of punitive damages pursuant to *Civil Code* § 3294,  
9 without limitation. More specifically, Defendants O'Neal and Does 1-50's conduct was so vile,  
10 base, despicable, and contemptible that it would be looked down on and despised by reasonable  
11 people. Further, Defendants O'Neal and Does 1-50 acted with an intent to cause injury and with a  
12 willful and knowing disregard of the rights and safety of Plaintiff Fox who was subject to cruel  
13 and unjust hardship in knowing disregard of his rights.  
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15 **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION – LOSS OF CONSORTIUM**  
16 **AND NEGLIGENT INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS**  
17 **(By Plaintiff Villarba Against Defendant O'Neal And DOES 1 through 50, inclusive)**

18 42. By this reference, Plaintiff Villarba incorporates all of the allegations in this  
19 Complaint into this cause of action.

20 43. At all relevant times, Plaintiff Villarba was lawful registered domestic partners with  
21 Plaintiff Fox.

22 44. As set forth in the conduct described above, Defendant O'Neal and Does 1 through  
23 50 negligently inflicted emotional distress upon Plaintiff Villarba and otherwise breached the  
24 duties owed to Plaintiff Villarba.

25 45. Defendants O'Neal and Does 1-50's conduct was a substantial factor in causing  
26 Plaintiff Fox's harm.  
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1           46.     As a direct, proximate, and legal cause of the wrongful conduct of Defendant  
2 O'Neal and Does 1 through 50, inclusive, alleged herein Plaintiff Villarba has been, and will  
3 continue to be, deprived of the consortium, love, companionship, comfort, care, assistance,  
4 protection, affection, society, moral support, and loss of sexual relations with his partner, Plaintiff  
5 Fox, thereby causing and continuing to cause Plaintiff Villarba past and future economic and non-  
6 economic damages in a sum according to proof at trial.  
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8           47.     Defendants O'Neal and Does 1-50 engaged in such conduct with malice and  
9 oppression thereby warranting an award of punitive damages pursuant to *Civil Code* § 3294,  
10 without limitation. More specifically, Defendants O'Neal and Does 1-50's conduct was so vile,  
11 base, despicable, and contemptible that it would be looked down on and despised by reasonable  
12 people. Further, Defendants O'Neal and Does 1-50 acted with an intent to cause injury and with a  
13 willful and knowing disregard of the rights and safety of Plaintiff Villarba who was subject to  
14 cruel and unjust hardship in knowing disregard of his rights.  
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**PRAYER**

The plaintiffs pray for judgment against the defendants as follows:

1. General damages, as established at the time of trial;
2. Special damages, as established at the time of trial;
3. Punitive and/or exemplary damages, as established at time of trial;
4. A civil penalty, as established at time of trial;
5. Prejudgment interest, as allowed by law, according to proof;
6. Costs of suit;
7. Reasonable attorneys' fees; and
8. Such other relief as the court deems in the interests of justice.

Dated: September 6, 2018

ALLRED, MAROKO & GOLDBERG

By:



Gloria R. Allred  
*Attorney for Plaintiffs*

Dated: September 6, 2018

CARPENTER, ZUCKERMAN & ROWLEY

By:



Robert J. Ounjian  
*Attorney for Plaintiffs*


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**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Plaintiffs hereby demand a trial by jury on all causes of action.

Dated: September 6, 2018

ALLRED, MAROKO & GOLDBERG

By:   
Gloria R. Allred  
*Attorney for Plaintiffs*

Dated: September 6, 2018

CARPENTER, ZUCKERMAN & ROWLEY

By:   
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*Attorney for Plaintiffs*

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BRANCH NAME: Stanley-Mosk

CASE NAME: Fox, et al. v. O'Neal, et al.

CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET
[X] Unlimited (Amount demanded exceeds \$25,000)
[ ] Limited (Amount demanded is \$25,000 or less)

Complex Case Designation
[ ] Counter [ ] Joinder
Filed with first appearance by defendant (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.402)

CASE NUMBER: 00720634
JUDGE:
DEPT:

Items 1-6 below must be completed (see instructions on page 2).

1. Check one box below for the case type that best describes this case:
Auto Tort: [ ] Auto (22), [ ] Uninsured motorist (46), [ ] Other PI/PD/WD (Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort: [ ] Asbestos (04), [ ] Product liability (24), [ ] Medical malpractice (45), [X] Other PI/PD/WD (23), Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort: [ ] Business tort/unfair business practice (07), [ ] Civil rights (08), [ ] Defamation (13), [ ] Fraud (16), [ ] Intellectual property (19), [ ] Professional negligence (25), [ ] Other non-PI/PD/WD tort (35), Employment: [ ] Wrongful termination (36), [ ] Other employment (15), Contract: [ ] Breach of contract/warranty (06), [ ] Rule 3.740 collections (09), [ ] Other collections (09), [ ] Insurance coverage (18), [ ] Other contract (37), Real Property: [ ] Eminent domain/Inverse condemnation (14), [ ] Wrongful eviction (33), [ ] Other real property (26), Unlawful Detainer: [ ] Commercial (31), [ ] Residential (32), [ ] Drugs (38), Judicial Review: [ ] Asset forfeiture (05), [ ] Petition re: arbitration award (11), [ ] Writ of mandate (02), [ ] Other judicial review (39), Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation (Cal. Rules of Court, rules 3.400-3.403): [ ] Antitrust/Trade regulation (03), [ ] Construction defect (10), [ ] Mass tort (40), [ ] Securities litigation (28), [ ] Environmental/Toxic tort (30), [ ] Insurance coverage claims arising from the above listed provisionally complex case types (41), Enforcement of Judgment: [ ] Enforcement of judgment (20), Miscellaneous Civil Complaint: [ ] RICO (27), [ ] Other complaint (not specified above) (42), Miscellaneous Civil Petition: [ ] Partnership and corporate governance (21), [ ] Other petition (not specified above) (43)

2. This case [ ] is [X] is not complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court. If the case is complex, mark the factors requiring exceptional judicial management:
a. [ ] Large number of separately represented parties d. [ ] Large number of witnesses
b. [ ] Extensive motion practice raising difficult or novel issues that will be time-consuming to resolve e. [ ] Coordination with related actions pending in one or more courts in other counties, states, or countries, or in a federal court
c. [ ] Substantial amount of documentary evidence f. [ ] Substantial postjudgment judicial supervision
3. Remedies sought (check all that apply): a. [X] monetary b. [ ] nonmonetary; declaratory or injunctive relief c. [X] punitive
4. Number of causes of action (specify): Five (5)
5. This case [ ] is [X] is not a class action suit.
6. If there are any known related cases, file and serve a notice of related case. (You may use form CM-015.)

Date: September 5, 2018
Robert Ounjian, Esq. (TYPE OR PRINT NAME)
[Signature] (SIGNATURE OF PARTY OR ATTORNEY FOR PARTY)

NOTICE
• Plaintiff must file this cover sheet with the first paper filed in the action or proceeding (except small claims cases or cases filed under the Probate Code, Family Code, or Welfare and Institutions Code). (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.220.) Failure to file may result in sanctions.
• File this cover sheet in addition to any cover sheet required by local court rule.
• If this case is complex under rule 3.400 et seq. of the California Rules of Court, you must serve a copy of this cover sheet on all other parties to the action or proceeding.
• Unless this is a collections case under rule 3.740 or a complex case, this cover sheet will be used for statistical purposes only.

**CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET ADDENDUM AND  
STATEMENT OF LOCATION  
(CERTIFICATE OF GROUNDS FOR ASSIGNMENT TO COURTHOUSE LOCATION)**

This form is required pursuant to Local Rule 2.3 in all new civil case filings in the Los Angeles Superior Court.

**Step 1:** After completing the Civil Case Cover Sheet (Judicial Council form CM-010), find the exact case type in Column A that corresponds to the case type indicated in the Civil Case Cover Sheet.

**Step 2:** In Column B, check the box for the type of action that best describes the nature of the case.

**Step 3:** In Column C, circle the number which explains the reason for the court filing location you have chosen.

**Applicable Reasons for Choosing Court Filing Location (Column C)**

- |                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Class actions must be filed in the Stanley Mosk Courthouse, Central District. | 7. Location where petitioner resides.                                                                                          |
| 2. Permissive filing in central district.                                        | 8. Location wherein defendant/respondent functions wholly.                                                                     |
| 3. Location where cause of action arose.                                         | 9. Location where one or more of the parties reside.                                                                           |
| 4. Mandatory personal injury filing in North District.                           | 10. Location of Labor Commissioner Office.                                                                                     |
| 5. Location where performance required or defendant resides.                     | 11. Mandatory filing location (Hub Cases – unlawful detainer, limited non-collection, limited collection, or personal injury). |
| 6. Location of property or permanently garaged vehicle.                          |                                                                                                                                |

	<b>A</b> Civil Case Cover Sheet Category No.	<b>B</b> Type of Action (Check only one)	<b>C</b> Applicable Reasons - See Step 3 Above
Auto Tort	Auto (22)	<input type="checkbox"/> A7100 Motor Vehicle - Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death	1, 4, 11
	Uninsured Motorist (46)	<input type="checkbox"/> A7110 Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death – Uninsured Motorist	1, 4, 11
Other Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death Tort	Asbestos (04)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6070 Asbestos Property Damage	1, 11
		<input type="checkbox"/> A7221 Asbestos - Personal Injury/Wrongful Death	1, 11
	Product Liability (24)	<input type="checkbox"/> A7260 Product Liability (not asbestos or toxic/environmental)	1, 4, 11
	Medical Malpractice (45)	<input type="checkbox"/> A7210 Medical Malpractice - Physicians & Surgeons	1, 4, 11
		<input type="checkbox"/> A7240 Other Professional Health Care Malpractice	1, 4, 11
Other Personal Injury Property Damage Wrongful Death (23)	<input type="checkbox"/> A7250 Premises Liability (e.g., slip and fall) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A7230 Intentional Bodily Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death (e.g., assault, vandalism, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> A7270 Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress <input type="checkbox"/> A7220 Other Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death	1, 4, 11 1, 4, 11 1, 4, 11 1, 4, 11	

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Non-Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death Tort	Business Tort (07)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6029 Other Commercial/Business Tort (not fraud/breach of contract)	1, 2, 3
	Civil Rights (08)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6005 Civil Rights/Discrimination	1, 2, 3
	Defamation (13)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6010 Defamation (slander/libel)	1, 2, 3
	Fraud (16)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6013 Fraud (no contract)	1, 2, 3
	Professional Negligence (25)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6017 Legal Malpractice	1, 2, 3
		<input type="checkbox"/> A6050 Other Professional Malpractice (not medical or legal)	1, 2, 3
Other (35)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6025 Other Non-Personal Injury/Property Damage tort	1, 2, 3	
Employment	Wrongful Termination (36)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6037 Wrongful Termination	1, 2, 3
	Other Employment (15)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6024 Other Employment Complaint Case	1, 2, 3
		<input type="checkbox"/> A6109 Labor Commissioner Appeals	10
Contract	Breach of Contract/ Warranty (06) (not insurance)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6004 Breach of Rental/Lease Contract (not unlawful detainer or wrongful eviction)	2, 5
		<input type="checkbox"/> A6008 Contract/Warranty Breach -Seller Plaintiff (no fraud/negligence)	2, 5
		<input type="checkbox"/> A6019 Negligent Breach of Contract/Warranty (no fraud)	1, 2, 5
		<input type="checkbox"/> A6028 Other Breach of Contract/Warranty (not fraud or negligence)	1, 2, 5
	Collections (09)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6002 Collections Case-Seller Plaintiff	5, 6, 11
		<input type="checkbox"/> A6012 Other Promissory Note/Collections Case	5, 11
<input type="checkbox"/> A6034 Collections Case-Purchased Debt (Charged Off Consumer Debt Purchased on or after January 1, 2014)		5, 6, 11	
Insurance Coverage (18)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6015 Insurance Coverage (not complex)	1, 2, 5, 8	
Other Contract (37)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6009 Contractual Fraud	1, 2, 3, 5	
	<input type="checkbox"/> A6031 Tortious Interference	1, 2, 3, 5	
	<input type="checkbox"/> A6027 Other Contract Dispute(not breach/insurance/fraud/negligence)	1, 2, 3, 8, 9	
Real Property	Eminent Domain/Inverse Condemnation (14)	<input type="checkbox"/> A7300 Eminent Domain/Condemnation      Number of parcels _____	2, 6
	Wrongful Eviction (33)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6023 Wrongful Eviction Case	2, 6
	Other Real Property (26)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6018 Mortgage Foreclosure	2, 6
<input type="checkbox"/> A6032 Quiet Title		2, 6	
<input type="checkbox"/> A6060 Other Real Property (not eminent domain, landlord/tenant, foreclosure)		2, 6	
Unlawful Detainer	Unlawful Detainer-Commercial (31)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6021 Unlawful Detainer-Commercial (not drugs or wrongful eviction)	6, 11
	Unlawful Detainer-Residential (32)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6020 Unlawful Detainer-Residential (not drugs or wrongful eviction)	6, 11
	Unlawful Detainer- Post-Foreclosure (34)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6020F Unlawful Detainer-Post-Foreclosure	2, 6, 11
	Unlawful Detainer-Drugs (38)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6022 Unlawful Detainer-Drugs	2, 6, 11



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	<b>A</b> Civil Case Cover Sheet Category No.	<b>B</b> Type of Action (Check only one)	<b>C</b> Applicable Reasons - See Step 3 Above
<b>Judicial Review</b>	Asset Forfeiture (05)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6108 Asset Forfeiture Case	2, 3, 6
	Petition re Arbitration (11)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6115 Petition to Compel/Confirm/Vacate Arbitration	2, 5
	Writ of Mandate (02)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6151 Writ - Administrative Mandamus	2, 8
		<input type="checkbox"/> A6152 Writ - Mandamus on Limited Court Case Matter	2
<input type="checkbox"/> A6153 Writ - Other Limited Court Case Review		2	
Other Judicial Review (39)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6150 Other Writ /Judicial Review	2, 8	
<b>Provisionally Complex Litigation</b>	Antitrust/Trade Regulation (03)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6003 Antitrust/Trade Regulation	1, 2, 8
	Construction Defect (10)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6007 Construction Defect	1, 2, 3
	Claims Involving Mass Tort (40)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6006 Claims Involving Mass Tort	1, 2, 8
	Securities Litigation (28)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6035 Securities Litigation Case	1, 2, 8
	Toxic Tort Environmental (30)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6036 Toxic Tort/Environmental	1, 2, 3, 8
	Insurance Coverage Claims from Complex Case (41)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6014 Insurance Coverage/Subrogation (complex case only)	1, 2, 5, 8
<b>Enforcement of Judgment</b>	Enforcement of Judgment (20)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6141 Sister State Judgment	2, 5, 11
		<input type="checkbox"/> A6160 Abstract of Judgment	2, 6
		<input type="checkbox"/> A6107 Confession of Judgment (non-domestic relations)	2, 9
		<input type="checkbox"/> A6140 Administrative Agency Award (not unpaid taxes)	2, 8
		<input type="checkbox"/> A6114 Petition/Certificate for Entry of Judgment on Unpaid Tax	2, 8
		<input type="checkbox"/> A6112 Other Enforcement of Judgment Case	2, 8, 9
<b>Miscellaneous Civil Complaints</b>	RICO (27)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6033 Racketeering (RICO) Case	1, 2, 8
	Other Complaints (Not Specified Above) (42)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6030 Declaratory Relief Only	1, 2, 8
		<input type="checkbox"/> A6040 Injunctive Relief Only (not domestic/harassment)	2, 8
		<input type="checkbox"/> A6011 Other Commercial Complaint Case (non-tort/non-complex)	1, 2, 8
<input type="checkbox"/> A6000 Other Civil Complaint (non-tort/non-complex)		1, 2, 8	
Partnership Corporation Governance (21)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6113 Partnership and Corporate Governance Case	2, 8	
<b>Miscellaneous Civil Petitions</b>	Other Petitions (Not Specified Above) (43)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6121 Civil Harassment	2, 3, 9
		<input type="checkbox"/> A6123 Workplace Harassment	2, 3, 9
		<input type="checkbox"/> A6124 Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse Case	2, 3, 9
		<input type="checkbox"/> A6190 Election Contest	2
		<input type="checkbox"/> A6110 Petition for Change of Name/Change of Gender	2, 7
		<input type="checkbox"/> A6170 Petition for Relief from Late Claim Law	2, 3, 8
		<input type="checkbox"/> A6100 Other Civil Petition	2, 9

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**Step 4: Statement of Reason and Address:** Check the appropriate boxes for the numbers shown under Column C for the type of action that you have selected. Enter the address which is the basis for the filing location, including zip code. (No address required for class action cases).

<b>REASON:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> 2. <input type="checkbox"/> 3. <input type="checkbox"/> 4. <input type="checkbox"/> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> 6. <input type="checkbox"/> 7. <input type="checkbox"/> 8. <input type="checkbox"/> 9. <input type="checkbox"/> 10. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 11.			ADDRESS: 3355 Overland Ave.		
CITY: Los Angeles	STATE: CA	ZIP CODE: 90034			

**Step 5: Certification of Assignment:** I certify that this case is properly filed in the Central District of the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles [Code Civ. Proc., §392 et seq., and Local Rule 2.3(a)(1)(E)].

Dated: September 5, 2018

  
(SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY/FILING PARTY)  
Robert Ounjian, Esq.

**PLEASE HAVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS COMPLETED AND READY TO BE FILED IN ORDER TO PROPERLY COMMENCE YOUR NEW COURT CASE:**

1. Original Complaint or Petition.
2. If filing a Complaint, a completed Summons form for issuance by the Clerk.
3. Civil Case Cover Sheet, Judicial Council form CM-010.
4. Civil Case Cover Sheet Addendum and Statement of Location form, LACIV 109, LASC Approved 03-04 (Rev. 02/16).
5. Payment in full of the filing fee, unless there is court order for waiver, partial or scheduled payments.
6. A signed order appointing the Guardian ad Litem, Judicial Council form CIV-010, if the plaintiff or petitioner is a minor under 18 years of age will be required by Court in order to issue a summons.
7. Additional copies of documents to be conformed by the Clerk. Copies of the cover sheet and this addendum must be served along with the summons and complaint, or other initiating pleading in the case.

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

COURTHOUSE ADDRESS:  
111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

**NOTICE OF CASE ASSIGNMENT  
UNLIMITED CIVIL – PERSONAL INJURY**

Your case is assigned for all purposes to the judicial officer indicated below.

Reserved for Clerk's File Stamp

**CONFORMED COPY  
ORIGINAL FILED**  
Superior Court of California  
County of Los Angeles

**SEP 06 2018**

*Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk of Court*  
**By: Judi Lara, Deputy**

CASE NUMBER: **BC 7 2 0 6 8 4**

**THIS FORM IS TO BE SERVED WITH THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT**

ASSIGNED JUDGE			DEPT	ROOM	ASSIGNED JUDGE			DEPT	ROOM
	Hon. Georgina Torres Rizk		2	247					
	Hon. Marc D. Gross		3	238					
	Hon. Christopher Lui		4	237					
	Hon. Elaine Lu		5	212					
	Hon. Yolanda Orozco		7	222					

**FSC: 02/20/2020 TRIAL: 03/06/2020 OSC: 09/07/2021**

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Given to the Plaintiff/Cross-Complainant/Attorney of Record

SHERRI R. CARTER, Executive Officer/Clerk of Court

**Judi Lara**

on SEP 06 2018

By \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy Clerk

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR HANDLING UNLIMITED CIVIL CASES

The following critical provisions of the California Rules of Court, Title 3, Division 7, as applicable in the Superior Court, are summarized for your assistance.

### APPLICATION

The Division 7 Rules were effective January 1, 2007. They apply to all general civil cases.

### PRIORITY OVER OTHER RULES

The Division 7 Rules shall have priority over all other Local Rules to the extent the others are inconsistent.

### CHALLENGE TO ASSIGNED JUDGE

A challenge under Code of Civil Procedure Section 170.6 must be made within 15 days after notice of assignment for all purposes to a judge, or if a party has not yet appeared, within 15 days of the first appearance.

### TIME STANDARDS

Cases assigned to the Independent Calendaring Courts will be subject to processing under the following time standards:

### COMPLAINTS

All complaints shall be served within 60 days of filing and proof of service shall be filed within 90 days.

### CROSS-COMPLAINTS

Without leave of court first being obtained, no cross-complaint may be filed by any party after their answer is filed. Cross-complaints shall be served within 30 days of the filing date and a proof of service filed within 60 days of the filing date.

### STATUS CONFERENCE

A status conference will be scheduled by the assigned Independent Calendar Judge no later than 270 days after the filing of the complaint. Counsel must be fully prepared to discuss the following issues: alternative dispute resolution, bifurcation, settlement, trial date, and expert witnesses.

### FINAL STATUS CONFERENCE

The Court will require the parties to attend a final status conference not more than 10 days before the scheduled trial date. All parties shall have motions in limine, bifurcation motions, statements of major evidentiary issues, dispositive motions, requested form jury instructions, special jury instructions, and special jury verdicts timely filed and served prior to the conference. These matters may be heard and resolved at this conference. At least five days before this conference, counsel must also have exchanged lists of exhibits and witnesses, and have submitted to the court a brief statement of the case to be read to the jury panel as required by Chapter Three of the Los Angeles Superior Court Rules.

### SANCTIONS

The court will impose appropriate sanctions for the failure or refusal to comply with Chapter Three Rules, orders made by the Court, and time standards or deadlines established by the Court or by the Chapter Three Rules. Such sanctions may be on a party, or if appropriate, on counsel for a party.

**This is not a complete delineation of the Division 7 or Chapter Three Rules, and adherence only to the above provisions is therefore not a guarantee against the imposition of sanctions under Trial Court Delay Reduction. Careful reading and compliance with the actual Chapter Rules is imperative.**

### Class Actions

Pursuant to Local Rule 2.3, all class actions shall be filed at the Stanley Mosk Courthouse and are randomly assigned to a complex judge at the designated complex courthouse. If the case is found not to be a class action it will be returned to an Independent Calendar Courtroom for all purposes.

### \*Provisionally Complex Cases

Cases filed as provisionally complex are initially assigned to the Supervising Judge of complex litigation for determination of complex status. If the case is deemed to be complex within the meaning of California Rules of Court 3.400 et seq., it will be randomly assigned to a complex judge at the designated complex courthouse. If the case is found not to be complex, it will be returned to an Independent Calendar Courtroom for all purposes.

**FILED**  
Superior Court of California  
County of Los Angeles

**APR 16 2018**

Sherril R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk  
By Stephanie Chung Deputy

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

IN RE PERSONAL INJURY ) CASE NO.:  
COURT ("PI COURT") PROCEDURES, )  
CENTRAL DISTRICT ) STANDING ORDER RE: PERSONAL  
(EFFECTIVE APRIL 16, 2018) ) INJURY PROCEDURES, CENTRAL  
 ) DISTRICT  
 )  
 )

<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	2	3	4	5	7
<b>FINAL STATUS CONFERENCE ("FSC"):</b>					
• DATE:	_____				AT 10:00 A.M.
<b>TRIAL:</b>					
• DATE:	_____				AT 8:30 A.M.
<b>OSC RE DISMISSAL (CODE CIV. PROC., § 583.210):</b>					
• DATE:	_____				AT 8:30 A.M.

TO EACH PARTY AND TO THE ATTORNEY OF RECORD FOR EACH PARTY:  
Pursuant to the California Code of Civil Procedure ("C.C.P."), the California Rules of Court ("C.R.C.") and the Los Angeles County Court Rules ("Local Rules"), the Los Angeles Superior Court ("LASC" or "Court") HEREBY AMENDS AND SUPERSEDES THE AUGUST 10, 2017 SEVENTH AMENDED GENERAL ORDER AND, GENERALLY, ORDERS AS FOLLOWS IN THIS AND ALL OTHER GENERAL JURISDICTION PERSONAL INJURY ACTIONS FILED IN THE CENTRAL DISTRICT.

1. To ensure proper assignment to a PI Court, Plaintiff(s) must carefully fill out the Civil Case Cover Sheet Addendum (form LACIV 109). The Court defines "personal injury" as:

"an unlimited civil case described on the Civil Case Cover Sheet Addendum and Statement of Location (LACIV 109) as Motor Vehicle-Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death; Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death-Uninsured Motorist; Product Liability (other than asbestos or toxic/environmental); Medical Malpractice-Physicians & Surgeons; Other Professional Health Care Malpractice; Premises Liability; Intentional Bodily Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death; or Other Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death. An action for intentional infliction of emotional distress, defamation, civil rights/discrimination, or malpractice (other than medical malpractice), is not included in this definition. An action for injury to real property is not included in this definition." (Local Rule 2.3(a)(1)(A).)

Consistent with Local Rule 2.3(a)(1)(A), the Court will assign a case to the PI Courts if plaintiff(s) check any of the following boxes in the Civil Case Cover Sheet Addendum:

A7100 Motor Vehicle – Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death

A7110 Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death – Uninsured Motorist

A7260 Product Liability (not asbestos or toxic/environmental)

A7210 Medical Malpractice – Physicians & Surgeons

A7240 Medical Malpractice – Other Professional Health Care Malpractice

A7250 Premises Liability (e.g., slip and fall)

A7230 Intentional Bodily Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death (e.g., assault, vandalism etc.)

A7220 Other Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death

The Court will not assign cases to the PI Courts if plaintiff(s) check any boxes elsewhere in the Civil Case Cover Sheet Addendum (any boxes on pages two and three of that form).

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1 The Court sets the above dates in this action in the PI Court circled above (Department  
2 2, 3, 4, 5, or 7) at the Spring Street Courthouse, 312 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.  
3 (C.R.C. Rules 3.714(b)(3), 3.729.)

#### 4 **FILING OF DOCUMENTS**

5 2. Parties may file documents in person at the filing window on the first floor of the Stanley  
6 Mosk Courthouse (111 N. Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012) or by U.S. Mail or e-Delivery,  
7 which is available online at [www.lacourt.org](http://www.lacourt.org) (link on homepage). Please note that filings are no  
8 longer accepted via facsimile and must be filed either in person, via U.S. mail or via e-Delivery.  
9 Claims involving an attorney-client fee dispute, documents in which the filing party is a minor,  
10 legally incompetent person, or person for whom a conservator has been appointed, requests to  
11 waive court fees (FW-001) and requests for accommodations by persons with disabilities (MC-  
12 410), may not be filed via e-Delivery.

#### 13 **SERVICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT**

14 3. Plaintiff(s) shall serve the summons and complaint in this action upon defendant(s) as  
15 soon as possible but no later than three years from the date when the complaint is filed.  
16 (C.C.P. § 583.210, subd.(a).) On the OSC re Dismissal date noted above, the PI Court will  
17 dismiss the action and/or all unserved parties unless the plaintiff(s) show cause why the action  
18 or the unserved parties should not be dismissed. (C.C.P. §§ 583.250; 581, subd. (b)(4).)

19 4. The Court sets the above trial and FSC dates on condition that plaintiff(s) effectuate  
20 service on defendant(s) of the summons and complaint within six months of filing the complaint.

21 5. The PI Court will dismiss the case without prejudice pursuant to C.C.P. § 581 when no  
22 party appears for trial.

#### 23 **STIPULATIONS TO CONTINUE TRIAL**

24 6. Provided that all parties agree (and there is no violation of the "five-year rule," C.C.P.  
25 § 583.310), the parties may advance or continue any trial date in the PI Courts without showing  
26 good cause or articulating any reason or justification for the change. To continue or advance a  
27 trial date, the parties (or their counsel of record) should jointly execute and submit (at the filing  
28 window on the first floor of the Stanley Mosk Courthouse, via U.S. mail or via e-Delivery; fee

1 required) a Stipulation to Continue Trial, FSC and Related Motion/Discovery Dates (form  
2 LACIV CTRL-242, available on the court's website, Personal Injury Court link). The PI Courts  
3 schedule FSCs for 10:00 a.m., eight (8) court days before the trial date. Parties seeking to  
4 continue the trial and FSC dates shall file the Stipulation at least eight court days before the FSC  
5 date. Parties seeking to advance the trial and FSC dates shall file the Stipulation at least eight  
6 court days before the proposed advanced FSC date. (C.C.P. § 595.2; Govt. Code § 70617, subd.  
7 (c)(2).) In selecting a new trial date, parties should avoid setting on any Monday, or the Tuesday  
8 following a court holiday. Parties may submit a maximum of two stipulations to continue trial,  
9 for a total continuance of six months. Subsequent requests to continue trial will be granted upon  
10 a showing of good cause by noticed motion. This rule is retroactive so that any previously  
11 granted stipulation to continue trial will count toward the maximum number of allowed  
12 continuances.

### 13 **NO CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCES**

14 7. The PI Courts do not conduct Case Management Conferences. The parties need not file  
15 a Case Management Statement.

### 16 **LAW AND MOTION**

17 8. Any documents with declarations and/or exhibits must be tabbed. (C.R.C. Rule  
18 3.1110(f).) All depositions excerpts referenced in briefs must be marked on the transcripts  
19 attached as exhibits. (C.R.C. Rule 3.1116(c).)

### 20 **CHAMBERS COPIES REQUIRED**

21 9. In addition to filing original motion papers at the filing window on the first floor of the  
22 Stanley Mosk Courthouse, via U.S. mail or via e-Delivery, the parties must deliver, directly to  
23 the PI Court courtrooms at the Spring Street Courthouse, an extra copy (marked "Chambers  
24 Copy") of reply briefs and all other motion papers filed less than seven (7) court days before a  
25 hearing calendared in the PI Courts. The PI Courts also strongly encourage the parties filing and  
26 opposing lengthy motions, such as motions for summary judgment/adjudication, to submit one  
27 or more three-ring binders organizing the chambers copy behind tabs.

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**RESERVATION HEARING DATE**

10. Parties are directed to reserve hearing dates for motions in the PI Courts using the Court Reservation System (CRS) available online at [www.lacourt.org](http://www.lacourt.org) (link on homepage). After reserving a motion hearing date, the reservation requestor must submit the papers for filing with the reservation receipt (CRS) number printed on the face page of the document under the caption and attach the reservation receipt as the last page. Parties or counsel who are unable to utilize the online CRS may reserve a motion hearing date by calling the PI Court courtroom, Monday through Friday, between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

**WITHDRAWAL OF MOTIONS**

11. California Rules of Court, Rule 3.1304(b) requires a moving party to notify the court immediately if a matter will not be heard on the scheduled date. In keeping with that rule, the PI Courts urge parties who amend pleadings in response to demurrers to file amended pleadings before the date when opposition to the demurrer is due so that the PI Courts do not needlessly prepare tentative rulings on demurrers.

**DISCOVERY MOTIONS**

12. The purpose of an Informal Discovery Conference ("IDC") is to assist the parties to resolve and/or narrow the scope of discovery disputes. Lead trial counsel on each side, or another attorney with full authority to make binding agreements, must attend in person. The PI judges have found that, in nearly every case, the parties amicably resolve disputes with the assistance of the Court.

13. Parties must participate in an IDC before a Motion to Compel Further Responses to Discovery will be heard unless the moving party submits evidence, by way of declaration, that the opposing party has failed or refused to participate in an IDC. Scheduling or participating in an IDC does not automatically extend any deadlines imposed by the Code of Civil Procedure for noticing and filing discovery motions. Ideally, the parties should participate in an IDC before a motion is filed because the IDC may avoid the necessity of a motion or reduce its scope. Because of that possibility, attorneys are encouraged to stipulate to extend the 45 (or 60) day deadline for filing a motion to compel further discovery responses in order to allow time to participate in an

1 IDC.

2 If parties do not stipulate to extend the deadlines, the moving party may file the motion  
3 to avoid it being deemed untimely. However, the IDC must take place before the motion is  
4 heard so it is suggested that the moving party reserve a date for the motion hearing that is at least  
5 60 days after the date when the IDC reservation is made. Motions to Compel Further Discovery  
6 Responses are heard at 10:00 a.m. If the IDC is not productive, the moving party may advance  
7 the hearing on a Motion to Compel Further Discovery Responses on any available hearing date  
8 that complies with the notice requirements of the Code of Civil Procedure.

9 14. Parties are directed to reserve IDC dates in the PI Courts using CRS available online at  
10 [www.lacourt.org](http://www.lacourt.org) (link on homepage). Parties are to meet and confer regarding the available  
11 dates in CRS prior to accessing the system. After reserving the IDC date, the reservation  
12 requestor must file in the appropriate department and serve an Informal Discovery Conference  
13 Form for Personal Injury Courts, from LACIV 239 (revised 12/14 or later), at least 15 court days  
14 prior to the conference and attach the CRS reservation receipt as the last page. The opposing  
15 party may file and serve a responsive IDC form, briefly setting forth that party's response, at  
16 least 10 court days prior to the IDC.

17 15. Time permitting, the PI Hub judges may be available to participate in IDCs to try to  
18 resolve other types of discovery disputes.

#### 19 EX PARTE APPLICATIONS

20 16. Under the California Rules of Court, courts may only grant *ex parte* relief upon a  
21 showing, by admissible evidence, that the moving party will suffer "irreparable harm,"  
22 "immediate danger," or where the moving party identifies "a statutory basis for granting relief  
23 *ex parte*." (C.R.C. Rule 3.1202(c).) The PI Courts have no capacity to hear multiple *ex parte*  
24 applications or to shorten time to add hearings to their fully booked motion calendars. The PI  
25 Courts do not regard the Court's unavailability for timely motion hearings as an "immediate  
26 danger" or threat of "irreparable harm" justifying *ex parte* relief. Instead of seeking *ex parte*  
27 relief, the moving party should reserve the earliest available motion hearing date (even if it is  
28 after the scheduled trial date) and should file a motion to continue trial. Parties should also check

1 the Court Reservation System from time to time because earlier hearing dates may become  
2 available as cases settle or hearings are taken off calendar.

### 3 **REQUEST FOR TRANSFER TO INDEPENDENT CALENDAR DEPARTMENT**

4 17. Parties seeking to transfer a case from a PI Court to an Independent Calendar ("I/C")  
5 Court shall file (at the filing window on the first floor of the Stanley Mosk Courthouse, via U.S.  
6 mail or via e-Delivery) and serve the Court's "Motion to Transfer Complicated Personal Injury  
7 Case to Independent Calendar Court" (form LACIV 238, available on the Court's website under  
8 the PI Courts link). The PI Courts will transfer a matter to an I/C Court if the case is not a  
9 "Personal Injury" case as defined in this Order, or if it is "complicated." In determining whether  
10 a personal injury case is "complicated" the PI Courts will consider, among other things, the  
11 number of pretrial hearings or the complexity of issues presented.

12 18. Parties opposing a motion to transfer have five court days to file (at the filing window  
13 on the first floor of the Stanley Mosk Courthouse, via U.S. mail or via e-Delivery) an Opposition  
14 (using the same LACIV 238 Motion to Transfer form).

15 19. The PI Courts will not conduct a hearing on any Motion to Transfer to I/C Court.  
16 Although the parties may stipulate to transfer a case to an Independent Calendar Department, the  
17 PI Courts will make an independent determination whether to transfer the case or not.

### 18 **FINAL STATUS CONFERENCE**

19 20. Parties shall comply with the requirements of the PI Courts' "First Amended Standing  
20 Order Re Final Status Conference," which shall be served with the summons and complaint.

### 21 **JURY FEES**

22 21. Parties must pay jury fees no later than 365 calendar days after the filing of the initial  
23 complaint. (C. C. P. § 631, subds. (b) and (c).)

### 24 **JURY TRIALS**

25 22. The PI Courts do not conduct jury trials. On the trial date, a PI Court will contact the  
26 Master Calendar Court, Department One, in the Stanley Mosk Courthouse. Department One  
27 will assign cases out for trial to dedicated Civil Trial Courtrooms and designated Criminal  
28 Courtrooms.

1 **SANCTIONS**

2 23. The Court has discretion to impose sanctions for any violation of this general order.  
3 (C.C.P. §§ 128.7, 187 and Gov. Code, § 68608, subd. (b).)

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Dated: April 16, 2018

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – CENTRAL DISTRICT**

In re Personal Injury Cases Assigned  
To the Personal Injury Courts  
(Departments 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7 of the Spring  
Street Courthouse)

} **FIRST AMENDED STANDING ORDER –  
RE: FINAL STATUS CONFERENCE,  
PERSONAL INJURY (“PI”) COURTS  
(Effective as of April 16, 2018)**

The dates for Trial and Final Status Conference (“FSC”) having been set in this matter, the Court **HEREBY AMENDS AND SUPERSEDES ITS JANUARY 2, 2018 STANDING ORDER—RE: FINAL STATUS CONFERENCE, PERSONAL INJURY (“PI”) COURTS AND, GENERALLY, ORDERS AS FOLLOWS IN THIS AND ALL OTHER GENERAL JURISDICTION PERSONAL INJURY ACTIONS:**

**1. PURPOSE OF THE FSC**

The purpose of the FSC is to verify that the parties/counsel are completely ready to proceed with trial continuously and efficiently, from day to day, until verdict. The PI Courts will verify at the FSC that all parties/counsel have (1) prepared the Exhibit binders and Trial Document binders and (2) met and conferred in an effort to stipulate to ultimate facts, legal issues, motions in limine, and the authentication and admissibility of exhibits.

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1           **2. TRIAL DOCUMENTS TO BE FILED**

2           At least five calendar days prior to the Final Status Conference, the parties/counsel  
3 shall serve and file (in Room 102 of the Stanley Mosk Courthouse or by e-Delivery) the  
4 following Trial Readiness Documents:

5                   **A. TRIAL BRIEFS (OPTIONAL)**

6           Each party/counsel may file, but is not required to file, a trial brief succinctly  
7 identifying:

- 8                   (1) the claims and defenses subject to litigation;  
9                   (2) the major legal issues (with supporting points and authorities);  
10                  (3) the relief claimed and calculation of damages sought; and  
11                  (4) any other information that may assist the court at trial.

12                   **B. MOTIONS IN LIMINE**

13           Before filing motions in limine, the parties/counsel shall comply with the  
14 statutory notice provisions of Code of Civil Procedure ("C.C.P.") Section 1005 and the  
15 requirements of Los Angeles County Court Rule ("Local Rule") 3.57(a). The caption of each  
16 motion in limine shall concisely identify the evidence that the moving party seeks to  
17 preclude. Parties filing more than one motion in limine shall number them consecutively.  
18 Parties filing opposition and reply papers shall identify the corresponding motion number in  
19 the caption of their papers.

20                   **C. JOINT STATEMENT TO BE READ TO THE JURY**

21           For jury trials, the parties/counsel shall work together to prepare and file a joint  
22 written statement of the case for the court to read to the jury. Local Rule 3.25(g)(4).

23                   **D. JOINT WITNESS LIST**

24           The parties/counsel shall work together to prepare and file a joint list of all  
25 witnesses in alphabetical order by last name that each party intends to call (excluding  
26 impeachment and rebuttal witnesses). Local Rule 3.25(g)(5). The joint witness list shall  
27 identify each witness by name, specify which witnesses are experts, and estimate the length  
28 of the direct, cross examination and re-direct examination (if any) of each witness. The

1 parties/counsel shall identify all potential witness scheduling issues and special  
2 requirements. Any party/counsel who seeks to elicit testimony from a witness not identified  
3 on the witness list must first make a showing of good cause to the trial court.

4 **E. LIST OF PROPOSED JURY INSTRUCTIONS**  
5 **(JOINT AND CONTESTED)**

6 The parties/counsel shall jointly prepare and file a list of proposed jury  
7 instructions, organized in numerical order, specifying the instructions upon which all sides  
8 agree and the contested instructions, if any. The List of Proposed Jury Instructions must  
9 include a space by each instruction for the judge to indicate whether the instruction was  
10 given.

11 **F. JURY INSTRUCTIONS**  
12 **(JOINT AND CONTESTED)**

13 The parties/counsel shall prepare a complete set of full-text proposed jury  
14 instructions, editing all proposed California Civil Jury Instructions ("CACI") and insert party  
15 name(s) and eliminate blanks and irrelevant material. The parties/counsel shall prepare  
16 special instructions in a format ready for submission to the jury with the instruction number,  
17 title, and text only (i.e., there should be no boxes or other indication on the printed  
18 instruction itself as to the requesting party).

19 **G. JOINT VERDICT FORM(S)**

20 The parties/counsel shall prepare and jointly file a proposed general verdict  
21 form or special verdict form (with interrogatories) acceptable to all sides. Local Rule  
22 3.25(g)(8). If the parties/counsel cannot agree on a joint verdict form, each party must  
23 separately file a proposed verdict form.

24 **H. JOINT EXHIBIT LIST**

25 The parties/counsel shall prepare and file a joint exhibit list organized with  
26 columns identifying each exhibit and specifying each party's evidentiary objections, if any, to  
27 admission of each exhibit. The parties/counsel shall meet and confer in an effort to resolve  
28 objections to the admissibility of each exhibit.

1                   **I. PAGE AND LINE DESIGNATION FOR**  
2                   **DEPOSITION AND FORMER TESTIMONY**

3                   If the parties/counsel intend to use deposition testimony or former trial  
4 testimony in lieu of any witness's live testimony, the parties/counsel shall meet and confer  
5 and jointly prepare and file a chart with columns for each of the following: 1) the line and  
6 page designations of the deposition or former testimony requested for use, 2) objections,  
7 3) counter-designations, 4) any responses thereto, and 5) the Court's ruling.

8                   **3. EVIDENTIARY EXHIBITS**

9                   The parties/counsel shall jointly prepare (and be ready to temporarily lodge for  
10 inspection at the FSC) three sets of tabbed, internally paginated by document, and properly-  
11 marked exhibits, organized numerically in three-ring binders (a set for the Court, the Judicial  
12 Assistant and the witnesses). The parties/counsel shall mark all non-documentary exhibits  
13 and insert a simple written description of the exhibit behind the corresponding numerical tab  
14 in the exhibit binder. If the parties have a joint signed exhibit list and electronic copies of  
15 their respective exhibits, then the parties/counsel will not be required to produce exhibit  
16 binders at the FSC. However, the exhibit binders may be required by the assigned trial  
17 judge when the trial commences. In the absence of either a joint signed exhibit list or  
18 electronic copies, exhibit binders will be required by all parties/counsel at the FSC.

19                   **4. TRIAL BINDERS REQUIRED IN THE PI COURTS**

20                   The parties/counsel shall jointly prepare (and be ready to temporarily lodge and  
21 include the following for inspection at the FSC) the Trial Documents consisting of conformed  
22 copies, tabbed and organized into three-ring binders with a table of contents that includes  
23 the following:

- 24                   Tab A:        Trial Briefs (Optional)  
25                   Tab B:        Motions in Limine  
26                   Tab C:        Joint Statement to Be Read to the Jury  
27                   Tab D:        Joint Witness List

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- 1           Tab E:        Joint List of Jury Instructions (identifying the agreed upon and  
2 contested instructions)
- 3           Tab F:        Joint and Contested Jury Instructions
- 4           Tab G:        Joint and/or Contested Verdict Form(s)
- 5           Tab H:        Joint Exhibit List
- 6           Tab I:        Joint Chart of Page and Line Designation(s) for Deposition and Former  
7 Testimony
- 8           Tab J:        Copies of the Current Operative Pleadings (including the operative  
9 complaint, answer, cross-complaint, if any, and answer to any cross-complaint).

10           The parties/counsel shall organize motions in limine (tabbed in numerical order)  
11 behind Tab B with the opposition papers and reply papers for each motion placed directly  
12 behind the moving papers. The parties shall organize proposed jury instructions behind  
13 Tab F, with the agreed upon instructions first in order followed by the contested instructions  
14 (including special instructions) submitted by each side.

15           **5.        FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH FSC OBLIGATIONS**

16           The court has discretion to require any party/counsel who fails or refuses to comply  
17 with this Amended Standing Order to show cause why the Court should not impose  
18 monetary, evidentiary and/or issue sanctions (including the entry of a default or the striking  
19 of an answer).

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Dated: April 16, 2018

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Supervising Judge, Civil  
Los Angeles Superior Court

# Superior Court of California County of Los Angeles



## ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) INFORMATION PACKET

The person who files a civil lawsuit (plaintiff) must include the ADR information Packet with the complaint when serving the defendant. Cross-complainants must serve the ADR Information Packet on any new parties named to the action together with the cross-complaint.

There are a number of ways to resolve civil disputes without having to sue someone. These alternatives to a lawsuit are known as alternative dispute resolution (ADR).

In ADR, trained, impartial persons decide disputes or help parties decide disputes themselves. These persons are called neutrals. For example, in mediations, the neutral is the mediator. Neutrals normally are chosen by the disputing parties or by the court. Neutrals can help resolve disputes without having to go to court.

### Advantages of ADR

- Often faster than going to trial
- Often less expensive, saving the litigants court costs, attorney's fees and expert fees.
- May permit more participation, allowing parties to have more control over the outcome.
- Allows for flexibility in choice of ADR processes and resolution of the dispute.
- Fosters cooperation by allowing parties to work together with the neutral to resolve the dispute and mutually agree to remedy.
- There are fewer, if any, court appearances. Because ADR can be faster and save money, it can reduce stress.

### Disadvantages of ADR - ADR may not be suitable for every dispute.

- If ADR is binding, the parties normally give up most court protections, including a decision by a judge or jury under formal rules of evidence and procedure, and review for legal error by an appellate court.
- ADR may not be effective if it takes place before the parties have sufficient information to resolve the dispute.
- The neutral may charge a fee for his or her services.
- If the dispute is not resolved through ADR, the parties may then have to face the usual and traditional costs of trial, such as attorney's fees and expert fees.

### The Most Common Types of ADR

- **Mediation**

In mediation, a neutral (the mediator) assists the parties in reaching a mutually acceptable resolution of their dispute. Unlike lawsuits or some other types of ADR, the parties, rather than the mediator, decide how the dispute is to be resolved.

- **Mediation is particularly effective** when the parties have a continuing relationship, like neighbors or business people. Mediation is also very effective where personal feelings are getting in the way of a resolution. This is because mediation normally gives the parties a chance to express their feelings and find out how the other sees things.
- **Mediation may not be effective** when one party is unwilling to cooperate or compromise or when one of the parties has a significant advantage in power over the other. Therefore, it may not be a good choice if the parties have a history of abuse or victimization.

- **Arbitration**

In arbitration, a neutral person called an “arbitrator” hears arguments and evidence from each side and then decides the outcome of the dispute. Arbitration is typically less formal than a trial, and the rules of evidence may be relaxed. Arbitration may be either “binding” or “non-binding.” Binding arbitration means the parties waive their right to a trial and agree to accept the arbitrator’s decision as final. Non-binding arbitration means that the parties are free to request a trial if they reject the arbitrator’s decision.

Arbitration is best for cases where the parties want another person to decide the outcome of their dispute for them but would like to avoid the formality, time, and expense of a trial. It may also be appropriate for complex matters where the parties want a decision-maker who has training or experience in the subject matter of the dispute.

- **Mandatory Settlement Conference (MSC)**

**Settlement Conferences are appropriate in any case where settlement is an option.**

Mandatory Settlement Conferences are ordered by the Court and are often held near the date a case is set for trial. The parties and their attorneys meet with a judge who devotes his or her time exclusively to preside over the MSC. The judge does not make a decision in the case but assists the parties in evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of the case and in negotiating a settlement.

The Los Angeles Superior Court Mandatory Settlement Conference (MSC) program is free of charge and staffed by experienced sitting civil judges who devote their time exclusively to presiding over MSCs. The judges participating in the judicial MSC program and their locations are identified in the List of Settlement Officers found on the Los Angeles Superior Court website at <http://www.lacourt.org/>. This program is available in general jurisdiction cases with represented parties from independent calendar (IC) and Central Civil West (CCW) courtrooms. In addition, on an ad hoc basis, personal injury cases may be referred to the program on the eve of trial by the personal injury master calendar courts in the Stanley Mosk Courthouse or the asbestos calendar court in CCW.

In order to access the Los Angeles Superior Court MSC Program the judge in the IC courtroom, the CCW Courtroom or the personal injury master calendar courtroom must refer the parties to the program. Further, all parties must complete the information requested in the Settlement Conference Intake Form and email the completed form to [mscdept18@lacourt.org](mailto:mscdept18@lacourt.org).

## **Additional Information**

To locate a dispute resolution program or neutral in your community:

- Contact the California Department of Consumer Affairs ([www.dca.ca.gov](http://www.dca.ca.gov)) Consumer Information Center toll free at 800-952-5210, or;
- Contact the local bar association (<http://www.lacba.org/>) or;
- Look in a telephone directory or search online for “mediators; or “arbitrators.”

There may be a charge for services provided by private arbitrators and mediators.

A list of approved State Bar Approved Mandatory Fee Arbitration programs is available at <http://calbar.ca.gov/Attorneys/MemberServices/FeeArbitration/ApprovedPrograms.aspx#19>

To request information about, or assistance with, dispute resolution, call the number listed below. Or you may call a Contract Provider agency directly. A list of current Contract Provider agencies in Los Angeles County is available at the link below.

<http://css.lacounty.gov/programs/dispute-resolution-program-drp/>

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3175 West 6th Street, Room 406  
Los Angeles, CA 90020-1798  
TEL: (213) 738-2621  
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