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San Diego Superior Court Seeking New Applicants for Civil Mediation Program

The San Diego Superior Court's Civil Mediation Program is currently seeking new applicants during its Open Application Period, which begins June 30, 2013 and ends August 30, 2013.

The Civil Mediation Program is designed to assist parties with the early resolution of their dispute by facilitating communication between disputants and assisting parties in reaching a mutually-acceptable resolution of all or part of their dispute. Parties may stipulate to mediation before or at the case management conference, held approximately 150 days after filing. The court maintains a panel of approved mediators who meet specific qualifications and agree to comply with certain ethical and program requirements, including charging parties \$150 per hour for the first two hours of mediation and their regular hourly rates thereafter and filing a Certificate of Insurance with the court each year or agreeing to waive any and all claims against the Superior Court in connection with mediating court-referred mediations. If finally approved, a proposed change to the San Diego Superior Court Local [Rule 2.3.7](#) would increase the fee panel mediators may charge to \$250 per hour for unlimited cases beginning January 1, 2014.

Applications will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Interested applicants should have a bachelor's degree and at least 32 hours of mediation training, including at least one basic

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mediator training course consisting of at least ten hours of classroom training, ten hours of experiential training and five hours of advanced or specialized training. In addition to satisfying all other application and program requirements, applicants must have mediated or co-mediated at least six mediations of at least two hours in duration and maintain a mediation practice or primary place of business within the county.

The Mediator Application form is available on the court's ADR webpage at <http://www.sdcourt.ca.gov/adr> or can be obtained by visiting the Mediation Program Office, located at the Hall of Justice of the San Diego Superior Court, 330 West Broadway, Room 241, San Diego, (619) 450-7478. All applications must be received by the Mediation Program Office before the close of business on Friday, August 30, 2013. Successful applicants will be notified by mail and must attend a mandatory Mediator Orientation currently scheduled for Thursday, January 9, 2014.

Questions regarding the Mediator Application or the Civil Mediation Program may be directed to Candace Schaeffer, the ADR Administrator, at candace.schaeffer@sdcourt.ca.gov.

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